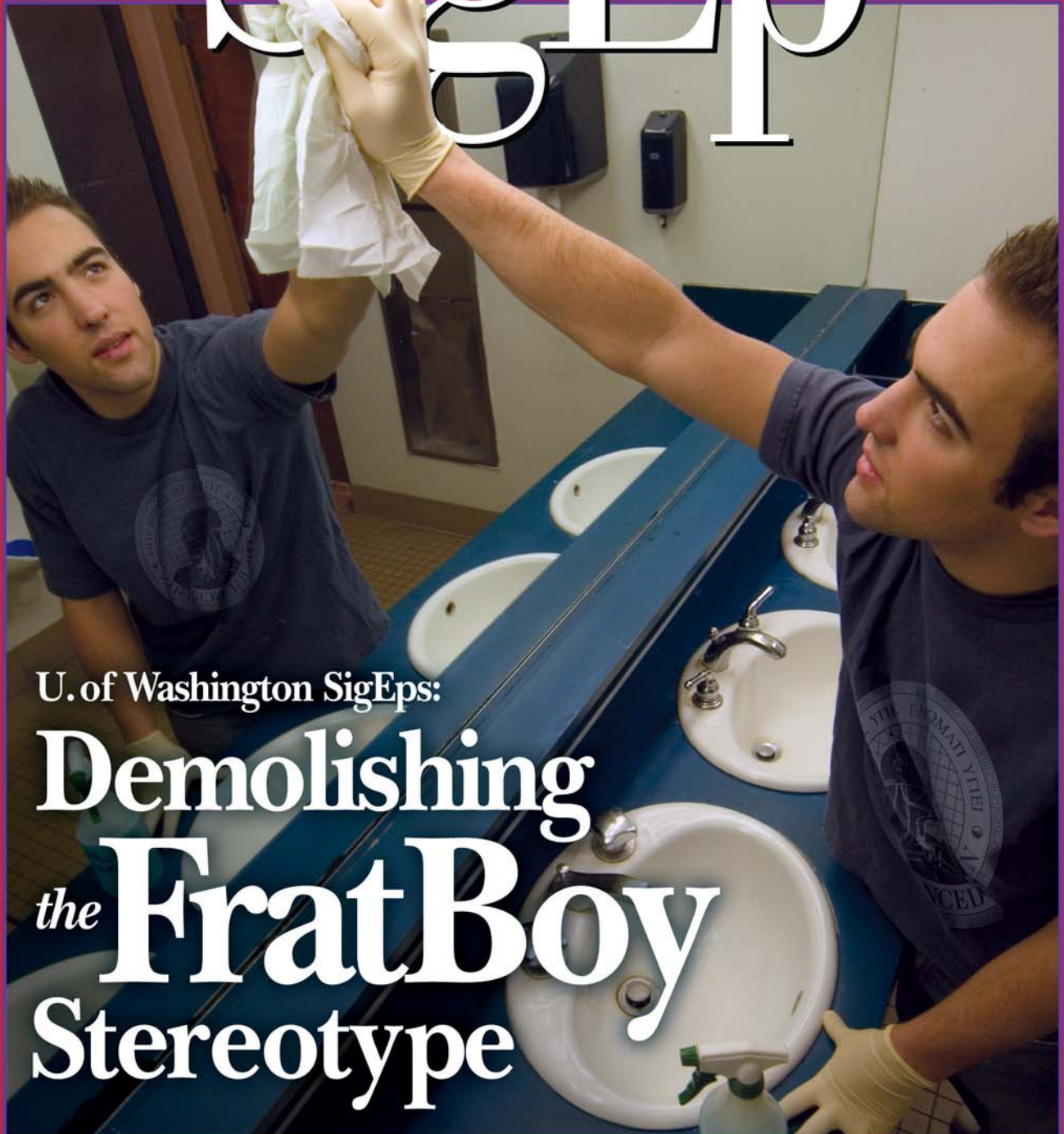


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U. of Washington SigEps:

Demolishing *the* Frat Boy Stereotype

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The Honorable Archer L. Yeatts, III, U. of Richmond '64, a native of the Commonwealth of Virginia, practiced law for 28 years until his election to Judge of Henrico County of Virginia in July of 1995. Brother Yeatts served as the Fraternity's Legal Counsel for 15 years and was elected to the National Board of Directors in 2001. He and his wife Elaine live in Richmond, Virginia.

“... and Brotherly Love”

Dear Brothers and Friends of Sigma Phi Epsilon:

On September 17, my wife, Elaine, and I attended the memorial service for past Grand President **Jim Robeson** in Oxford, Ohio. You will find elsewhere in this issue the comments I made on that occasion. Something happened there that fixed in my mind what we've been talking about for more than a century when we say “Brotherly Love.”

At the conclusion of the service at which fellow professors at Miami, neighbors, friends, the Ace Hardware owner (who said to great laughter that he would miss Jim buying all those gadgets), and his “twice Brother” Bud and other family members had all spoken of their love and respect for Jim, all SigEps present gathered to sing the Anthem. Brothers from different chapters and generations came forward, and if there was a dry eye

in the house when we finished, it wasn't among those of us who had been singing.

What is it that brought us together at Jim's service? What enables me, and his Ohio Theta Brothers, to care deeply about Jim Robeson and to mourn his loss, even though their connection with him had lasted 56 years and mine had been only four? What is it that caused us to have so much emotion while singing the Anthem? What is it that caused a young Lieutenant in an Airborne unit along the Pakistan-Afghanistan border to write Teddi, Jim's widow, to tell her what a difference Jim had made in his life? What is it that motivates our Missouri Beta Chapter to provide an environment of compassion and confidence for one of its own, a story your will read elsewhere in this issue? And what is it that motivates hundreds of alumni to spend countless hours working with our undergraduates, helping them to become Balanced Men and leaders?

It is Brotherly Love, pure and simple. And where does that begin in Sigma Phi Epsilon? It begins with our Ritual, a beautiful and impressive rite that each one of us, whether from a BMP or pledging-model chapter, participates in, and which, I fear, we tend to underappreciate as undergraduates because of its repetition.

But repetition has value.

At the Ritual presentation at Conclave in Nashville, I sat next to a brother who had been a Chapter President

in the early 1970s but had never been to a Conclave. During the ceremony, I would occasionally hear him quietly saying some of the same words the undergraduate President was saying. At the conclusion, he turned to me with tears in his eyes and said, “I cannot believe it all came back to me after almost 35 years. I'm so glad I came tonight.”

Years ago, when I was the Fraternity's Legal Counsel, I was at a Carlson Leadership Academy to speak on risk management. They asked me if I would play the part of the initiate. By that time, I had seen the Ritual countless times, but I had never heard it like I did that night, for I was focused on every word and symbol. I commend that experience to every alumnus if you have the opportunity. I also commend to every alumnus and every chapter to seek out men in your community who never joined a fraternity as part of our Renaissance of Brotherhood. Some of our most involved volunteers came to the Fraternity this way. Imagine being present when a friend or colleague joins you in the bonds of Brotherly Love.

I will be charging the Member Development Committee with the responsibility of developing ways to enhance our members' understanding and appreciation of our Ritual; of encouraging our undergraduate chapters to consistently be talking about its meaning and its application in their members' lives. For it is the Ritual that first teaches us about Virtue, Diligence and Brotherly Love, and it is the acting out of it every day in our chapters and in our lives that forms that bond between all SigEps that causes them to sing the Anthem together, regardless of their backgrounds or where they work or what paths their lives have taken.

Reconnect Today

I encourage every alumnus brother to think of another brother he has not seen in a long time and make contact with him **right now**. Contact other SigEps in your area and put together next year's Founders Day event. If you need assistance in locating brothers, go to www.sigep.org/directory/Default.asp.

I thank you for the opportunity you have given me to serve as your Grand President. I am proud of our Fraternity and will do everything I can to make it truly a lifetime experience for our undergraduate brothers. Feel free to write me anytime at Sigma Phi Epsilon Headquarters, P.O. Box 1901, Richmond, Virginia 23218, with your comments and suggestions—I am there often.

In Brotherly Love,

 Archie Yeatts
 Grand President

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Brother Zach Meissner,
*Washington '08, cleans one of the
bathrooms in the chapter house.*

Photo by Timothy Aguero

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Remembering Past Grand President James F. Robeson

On September 13, 2005, Sigma Phi Epsilon lost one of its great alumni, Dr. **James F. Robeson, U. of Cincinnati '59**. Brother Robeson had just finished his term as Grand President one month prior at the 2005 Grand Chapter Conclave in Nashville, Tennessee. He was 69 years old.

Sigma Phi Epsilon resonated throughout his life, and his dedication to our Fraternity was second to none. As an undergraduate at the University of Cincinnati, he served as Social Chairman, Secretary, and President. He was a frequent faculty member at the Carlson Leadership Academies. While a member of the faculty at Ohio State University, he served the Ohio Gamma Residential Learning Community as both Chapter

Counselor and as President of its Alumni and Volunteer Corporation. At the national level, he served on the National Leadership Committee for eight years, the last two as Chairman. He was elected to the National Board of Directors in 1995, and in 1997 was elected Grand Treasurer of the Fraternity. In 2003, Brother Robeson was elected as Grand President. At the Alumni Awards Dinner at the 2005 Grand Chapter Conclave, Sigma Phi Epsilon bestowed its highest honor to Brother Robeson, the Order of the Golden Heart.

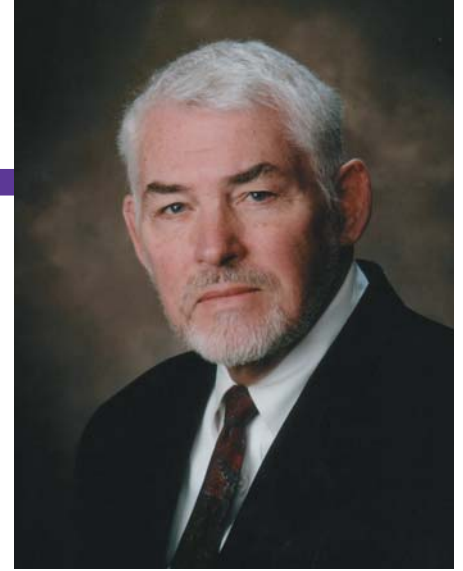
He was an interfraternal neighbor, as his home in Oxford, Ohio, sits next to the Beta Theta Pi Fraternity Headquarters. Brother Robeson befriended members of the Beta staff and many of its volunteers. So great was his influence that Beta Theta Pi has Brother Robeson's obituary in the winter issue of its magazine.

Distinguished Brother

In his professional career, Brother Robeson was an educator and mentor. He was a nationally known marketing and distribution consultant and Dean of the Richard T. Farmer School of Business at Miami University from 1988 to 1993. He was Chairman of the Marketing Department at Ohio State University. A Dayton native, he received his bachelor's and master's degrees in business administration from the University of Cincinnati. His doctoral degree came from Pennsylvania State University. He taught at Penn State, Ohio State and Miami University, and was a visiting professor at the University of Pittsburgh for its Semester at Sea program.

He was sought after to teach executive development seminars throughout the country by companies such as IBM, Mead Corporation, National Cash Register and Owens Corning. He served on the boards of many companies. In 1987, Brother Robeson was named marketing educator of the year by the Sales and Marketing Executives International Association. He also co-wrote two books, *Strategic Marketing* and *Selling*, and was editor-in-chief of *Distribution Handbook*.

He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Teddi; sons, Brad and Chris; his biological brother and SigEp Brother, **Franklin "Bud" Robeson, U. of Cincinnati '68**; and five grandchildren.



Brother Robeson on stage at the Ryman Auditorium at the 2005 Grand Chapter Conclave. Behind him is his Brother Bud Robeson.

Celebrating Jim's Life

On September 17, nearly 250 people gathered in Oxford to celebrate his life. Grand President **Archer L. Yeatts, III, U. of Richmond '64**, spoke, and his remarks are reprinted here.

"I succeeded Jim as Grand President of Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity. Teddi, I had hoped against hope that the first time I wore the President's badge that Jim pinned on me at Conclave just last month would not be at his funeral, but it was not to be. I would like to read the words with which I began my acceptance remarks at the installation banquet.

"When you arrive back on your campus, I want you to dust off your dictionary, turn to the word 'gentleman' and paste a picture of Brother Robeson next to that word. Jim Robeson is a gentle person, slow to anger, always with the kind word, the encouraging word, the quick smile. But he's also a man, a man of tough moral fiber who believes that right is right, and that integrity and honor are ultimately mightier than raw power.

"We in the South like to talk about our Southern Gentlemen. Well, I'm here to tell you that this son of Ohio has a lot to teach us with his unfailing graciousness and gentility.

"And then find the words 'bravery' and 'courage,' and paste pictures there. These past two years have not been what Jim and Teddi expected or certainly wanted them to be. Life dealt them a rough blow, but not once have they shied away from what faced them. And while I'm sure that they have shared down times privately and with their family, to the world of Sigma Phi Epsilon, it was, 'What's next on the agenda; where do you need me to be and when?'

"I would add today one other word to those I mentioned that night, and that is 'commitment.' Jim's family always spent a week at the Outer Banks of North Carolina and had planned to do so again this year. The doctor told Jim he had a choice, either go to the beach or go to the SigEp Conclave—he couldn't do both. What a terrible choice to be given because no man ever loved his family more than Jim. He chose to come to Conclave because of his commitment and dedication to Sigma Phi Epsilon. And it gave all of us a chance to tell him goodbye, for it was apparent to all the end was near.

"All of us in Sigma Phi Epsilon have lost a dear friend. None of us will ever forget him."

Letters to the Editor

COMMENTARY FROM YOUR BROTHERS

Praise for Andrew Goldstein

I was deeply heartened to read your profile on Andrew Goldstein of Dartmouth in the summer/fall edition of SigEps for a number of reasons.

The first, and most obvious reason, is that Andrew seems to be a truly compelling human being—a young man who has not only excelled as an All-American athlete, an Ivy League student, and as a Brother in Sigma Phi Epsilon, but who has broken new ground in proclaiming his sexuality in social environments where such proclamation would heretofore risk isolation, or worse, condemnation...

But even more important, the publication of Andrew's story in *The Journal*—and the uncompromisingly positive tone in which his story is so eloquently told—sends a clear, powerful and welcome message about the Sigma Phi Epsilon of today and of the future.

It also should remind us, ever so gently about our past. For there was a time when an openly gay individual would not have been welcome in at least some chapters of this Fraternity, and there was a time when many a Red Door would not be opened to someone named Goldstein.

By all means, I would like to hear more stories of the Andrew Goldsteins of today's Sigma Phi Epsilon. But I'd also like to see some appropriate acknowledgment of where we came from—and the decisions we have made to get to where we are today.

Michael H. Klein, Wisconsin '87
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Editor's Note: Kind of like that old song... "We came a long way from St. Louis, but baby we've sure got a long way to go."

Red Door Notes

CHAPTER HOUSE PROFILES



The tradition of the red door on Sigma Phi Epsilon chapter houses began on the campus of Syracuse University, New York Alpha in 1928. Today, nearly every Sigma Phi Epsilon chapter home has a red door to welcome SigEp brothers. The original house and red door is pictured to the right. This building is now the International Students Center, and Sigma Phi Epsilon has another magnificent home for its red door.



Chapter house entrance way at 530 Hudson Street

New Jersey SEC—Stevens Institute of Technology

■ These two four-story brownstones were built in 1856 and the Alumni and Volunteer Corporation purchased the property at 530 Hudson in 1946 and 528 Hudson in 1969. Capacity is 33 with seven single occupancy rooms and 13 double occupancy rooms. There is a suite for a live-in professor and a study room.



■ A separate building for the chapter room and kitchen was built in the backyard in 1989. It is 2,500 square feet, and the chapter room has oak floors and shelving for trophies.

Missouri Theta—Central Missouri State

■ Dedicated on September 22, 2005, this is the first chapter home for SigEp at Central Missouri State. The dedication ceremony was well attended by alumni, including Alumni and Volunteer Corporation President, **Joe Burke, '69**; co-founder of the chapter **Howard Gross, '69**; construction supervisor **Joe Greaves, '82**; and Past Grand President and Order of the Golden Heart recipient **John W. Hartman, Missouri '61**.

■ This alcohol-free chapter house sleeps 40-men, and the rooms are constructed in eight-man pods. Each pod has a day room and kitchenette. Common areas are the library, computer room, television room, game room, and laundry. Housemother Dorothy Nootbear oversees the daily operation of the house and counsels the undergraduates. Space is planned for a Faculty Fellow. Meals are served by a chef and eaten in a 100-person dining room that doubles as a meeting place.





California SEC—California-Berkeley

- Built in 1917, this chapter house was designed by Julia Morgan, the first woman to receive an architecture degree in the state of California. She also designed the famous Hearst Castle in San Simeon, California. SigEp moved into its 6,000 square foot facility in June of 2005.
- It has 12 bedrooms and is home to 17 brothers. There are hardwood floors and walls throughout, and the chapter house has wireless Internet. Chapter meetings are held in the living room until the basement is converted into a multi-purpose room.
- Located in the rolling hills of Berkeley, the chapter house is one block from Memorial Stadium and the Cal-Berkeley campus. From the front porch, one enjoys panoramic views of the entire Bay Area, including the Golden Gate Bridge and downtown San Francisco.



Interior entrance view from second floor balcony



View of the Golden Gate Bridge and downtown San Francisco

Colorado Delta—Colorado School of Mines

■ Built in 1967, this house sleeps 41 men in two-man rooms, and there is private living space for the chapter's chef. The walls are too thick for wireless Internet so each room is hard-wired.

■ There is a large study room on the lower level with a conference table and two whiteboards for group studying. Next to it is the chapter room and its walls are made of railroad ties. On the upper-level is a computer room/chapter library along with the living room (with 60" projection television and stadium-style seating), dining room and industrial kitchen.

■ The outside courtyard has two grills and sheltered storage for bicycles. In the front yard is a volleyball court. The mascot for the school is the Orediggers and there are several mine carts across campus. One of them is located in the front yard of the chapter house.



Bob Broeg: Sports Icon, SigEp Idol

BY NATHAN HUDOCK AND AARON SIDDENS,
both Missouri '08

The man who coined baseball legend Stan Musial's "Stan the Man" nickname and was famous for his array of bowties also was a brother of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Bob Broeg, Missouri '37, a sportswriter for years for various publications, passed away on October 28, 2005, just hours after seeing his final World Series. Born in 1918, his parents subscribed to four local newspapers so he could keep up with his beloved St. Louis Cardinals. He eventually went to the University of Missouri to obtain a degree in journalism, and, while there, became a SigEp.

Brother Broeg first started working at the St. Louis Post Dispatch in 1945 and eventually spent 40 years there covering the Cardinals as a sports columnist and sports editor. During that time, he also wrote for the Sporting News and penned 20 sports books. All of his work paid off, as he was the 1979 J.G. Taylor Spink Award recipient from the National Baseball Hall of Fame, presented at the yearly Hall of Fame Induction to a baseball writer (or writers) "for meritorious contributions to baseball writing."

Another of his lifetime achievements is being the only person eligible to vote in elections for the baseball, professional football and college football Hall of Fames.

Despite all this, neither his alma mater nor his Fraternity strayed far from his heart.

Brother Broeg was a huge supporter of MU sports, especially the football team. Over the years, he wrote endless columns about the performance of the Tigers. In

1990, he updated his 1974 book "Ol' Mizzou: A Story of Missouri Football," with "Ol' Mizzou: A Century of Tiger Football." The famed MU School of Journalism even offers two Bob Broeg scholarships.

A Proud SigEp

According to his widow, Lynette, he kept a fond memory of his SigEp days over the years. "The chapter helped give him confidence that he couldn't have gotten at home," Lynette said. "He was always grateful of that."

She said that, over the years, she remembers Brother Broeg having many animated conversations with fellow SigEps, and he was always very enthusiastic when talking about the Fraternity. Lynette added that he was always grateful the chapter helped him grow during his college days. Brother Broeg was passionate about SigEp's belief in the Balanced Man Ideal of developing a Sound Mind in a Sound Body. "He thought it was a great thing to do," she said.

Past Grand President and Order of the Golden Heart recipient **John Hartman, Missouri '61**, said he remembered the sportswriter coming back and giving speeches to the Brothers at the chapter house and was very excited about the chapter potentially adopting the Balanced Man Program. Brother Hartman also said that Brother Broeg was committed to the Missouri Alpha Chapter's new housing project. The current chapter house, which has been in use since 1927 and is the oldest fraternity house west of the Mississippi River, will be completely gutted and redone for use by Fall, 2007. As the Honorary Chairman for the Capital Campaign, Brother Broeg was highly involved in the fund-raising portion of the renovation slated to begin this summer.

Sam Alt, Missouri '08, had the opportunity to meet Brother Broeg and listen to a speech he once gave. "His persona just made him stick out in a room," Alt said. "And this was in a room with Cardinal



Bob Broeg, Missouri '37

greats like Joe Buck and Bob Gibson."

And speaking of Gibson, a famous story between the two Bobs is one that will not soon be forgotten.

Before Game Seven of the 1967 World Series between the Cardinals and the Boston Red Sox, Gibson was unable to get anything to eat at the hotel. When Brother Broeg found out about this, he ordered the bus driver to stop, and he jumped off and bought Gibson two sandwiches. Then, he gave them to an equipment manager to relay to the starting pitcher. It must have worked, considering Gibson beat the Red Sox 7-2 to win his third game of the series.

"You know what I'd like more than a couple of hours talking baseball with Bob Broeg?" Red Sox legend and Hall of Famer Ted Williams once said. "A couple of days."

A Sobriquet from SigEp

As for "Stan the Man," fans in Brooklyn used to say, "Here comes the man," whenever Musial came to the plate to face the Brooklyn (now Los Angeles) Dodgers. Upon hearing of that, Brother Broeg starting using it and the name stuck.

That goes along the lines of advice he would give to those wanting to get into the journalism business. "He would say, 'If you want to write, attend things,'" Lynette said. "'Watch, love, listen and then write about what happened.'"

Whether it be Cardinal baseball, Mizzou football or Sigma Phi Epsilon, it seems Bob Broeg did just that.

**"Watch, love,
listen and then
write about what
happened."**

—Bob Broeg

Scholar Athletes: Fall Sports Wrap-up

BY JAY LANGHAMMER

Football

The Fraternity's leading 2005 collegiate receiver was Todd Feiereisen **Yale** '06, who was named to the All-Ivy League second team, the Academic All-Ivy first team and the National Interfraternity Conference All-Fraternity All-American honorable mention list. He had a career best game against Lehigh, catching 13 passes for 113 yards, two touchdowns and also played well against Princeton, catching eight passes for 115 yards and a TD. Todd was Yale's second-leading pass catcher with 55 receptions for 762 yards and seven scores.

Three SigEps played for teams that went to bowl games. Seeing action at quarterback in four games for the national champion **Texas** 13-0 Rose Bowl squad was Matt McCoy '07. Handling most of the kickoff duties for the 8-4 **Nebraska** Alamo Bowl champs was Jake Wesch '08, who averaged 61.0 yards on 29 kickoffs, including seven touchbacks. Contributing again on special teams for the 9-3 **Florida** Outback Bowl team was Kyle Morgan '05, who played in every contest.

Ranked among the top punters in NCAA Division I-A was Aaron Horne '06 of **Central Florida**, who was on the NIC All-Fraternity All-American first team. He averaged 42.25 for 52 punts (best of 62 yards) with 15 downed inside the 20 yard line. Teammate Steven Baker '07 played on special teams in every game. **Missouri State** linebacker Kevin Sears '07 ranked second with 86 tackles and received NIC All-Fraternity All-American honorable mention. The **Elon** squad featured co-captain/tight end Kyle Belkoski '06, who started the first six games and caught nine

passes before being injured; regular long snapper Sean Lawson '06; and defensive end Travis Wetzel '08.

Other SigEp players on Division I-A or I-AA squads during the 2005 season included the **Vanderbilt** duo of defensive back Adrian Reif '07 (who played in six games) and kicker Leon Solimani '07; linebacker Mike Lee '08 and running back Jace Perry '08, both of **Washington State**; defensive back Austin Hall '09 of **Oregon State**; defensive back Brad Smeja '06 of **Valparaiso**; offensive lineman Brandon Hufstetler '08 of **Austin Peay** (who played in 10 contests); and defensive lineman Brandon Sanborn of **Murray State**.

Playing for **Missouri-Rolla** was All-IFA first team kicker Marc Armbruster '06, who set a school record with 12 field goals;



Jake Wesch '08, Nebraska (inset) and Todd Feiereisen '06, Yale (above right).





Aaron Horne '06 of Central Florida (above right); Vann McElroy, '82, Baylor (inset, center) with wife and Walter Abercrombie, Executive Director of the Baylor B Association, honored as part of the Football Legends series.

From the Elon squad: Kyle Belkoski '06, Sean Lawson '06 and Travis Wetzel '07.

ranked second in scoring with 72 points; and was on the NIC All-Fraternity honorable mention list. Teammate Rob Rutherford '06 was in on 36 tackles from his defensive tackle post. Making 15 stops for the 9-3 **Northwood** Division II playoff team was defensive lineman Matt Wortman '07. Starting at center again for **Truman State** was Mike Shelden '06, who received All-Missouri Intercollegiate Athletic Association honorable mention.

Key starters for 6-4 **Moravian** were All-MAC first team fullback Kevin Lukich '06 (third with 306 rushing yards); linebacker Cliff Garr '07 (fourth with 59 stops); and defensive tackle Bryan Kohlbecker '06 (36 tackles, including seven for losses). Named to the All-PAC second team and Academic All-District II first team was **Westminster** defensive end Adam Hadbavny '06, who made 60 tackles, including a team high of five sacks and co-high 15 for losses. Teammate Josh Bero '06 saw starting duty at tight end for the Titans. **McDaniel** defensive lineman Chase Noll '06 was in on 44 tackles and had a team high six sacks. Starting on the offensive line for **Christopher Newport** was Sean Atwood '06.

Twenty-nine SigEp players led **W.P.I.** to a 6-3 record. Offensive tackle Frank McKernan '06 was named to the All-Liberty League first team and offensive guard Nate DeLap '07 earned All-Liberty second team selection. Co-captain Bryan Farragher '06 ran for 336 yards, four TDs and won All-Liberty Academic honors. Also on the All-Liberty Academic team were quarterback Robert Pantalone '08 (97 of 169 for 1,104 yards, seven touchdowns); running back Garrett Vandette '07 (303

rushing yards, 19 kickoff returns for a 21.6 average); tight end Adam Evans '06; wide receiver Ryan Walker '05; and offensive lineman Charlie Fradella '08.

W.P.I. All-Liberty second team defensive back/co-captain Bryan Douglass '06 was third with 54 tackles and was an All-Liberty Academic pick. Other defenders winning All-Liberty Academic selection were back Dustin Bradway '08 (42 stops, three interceptions); lineman Matt Regan '06 (42 tackles); back Mike Hansen '06 (41 tackles); linebacker Jason Gamache '06 (34 tackles); lineman Josh Rodden '07 (27 tackles); back Virgil Vaillancourt '06 (21 tackles, three interceptions); co-captain/linebacker Mike Caputo '06 (17 tackles); and back Adam Haines '08.

Offensive lineman Matt Bannister '07 played for the 11-1 **Thiel** Division III playoff squad. Earning All-MIAA honorable mention for **Tri-State** were top receiver Blair Donat '06 (32 receptions for 359 yards, four TDs); Josh Andrews '06 (15 catches for 287 yards); and linebacker Kyle Fabris '06 (42 tackles). Also playing were teammates Clint Hetrick '06 (10 receptions for 123 yards) and linebacker A.J. Feller '07. Members of the 10-1 **Monmouth** Division III playoff squad were tight end

Sean Breaux '06, wide receiver Justin Williams '06 and offensive lineman Chris Perrine. Other players were **Ohio Wesleyan** defensive back Mike Schleiden '08 and **Lambuth** wide receiver Mitch Ulrich.

In the head coaching ranks, Jay Locey, **Oregon State** '77, took his 10-1 Linfield squad, which ranked number one during much of the season, to the Division III quarterfinals. Bill Zwaan, **Delaware** '79, led his 8-4 West Chester squad to the Division II playoffs. Rick Rhoades, **Central Missouri State** '69, posted a 7-4 mark at Delta State and Nick Fletcher, **Johns Hopkins** '76, was 5-5 at **Denison**. Other head coaches during 2005 were Bill Doba, **Ball State** '62, at **Washington State** and Malen Luke, **Westminster** '76, at Clarion, who, after 12 years, resigned at the close of the season.

Scholar Athletes Epitomize Balanced Man Ideal

A scholar athlete has a high GPA and is the epitome of the Balanced Man, one who develops his mind and body. A varsity athlete who does not have a high GPA does not add value to a chapter, but a scholar athlete does. These brothers are some of Sigma Phi Epsilon's scholar athletes:

CROSS COUNTRY:

Andrew Bonell, Lambuth '09,
GPA—3.65

Mike Lynch, Dartmouth '08,
GPA—3.7

Pat Socorro, Babson '08,
GPA—3.2

FOOTBALL:

Austin Hall, Oregon State '09,
GPA—3.8

Brandon Sanborn, Murray State '09,
GPA—3.2

Adrian Reif, Vanderbilt '07,
GPA—3.1

TRACK & FIELD:

Jose Garcia-Tunon, Florida State '06,
GPA—4.0

Rich Gannon, **Delaware '87**, was inducted into the University of Delaware Athletics Hall of Fame on November 4. A three-year starter at quarterback for the Blue Hens, he was the school's Outstanding Senior Male Athlete before starting his 18-year NFL career. He recently completed his first season as a game analyst for CBS-TV. Legendary collegiate and pro star tackle Bob Lilly, **TCU '61**, was inducted into the East-West Shrine Game Hall of Fame in December. He has already been enshrined in both the College and Pro Football Halls of Fame.

As part of the school's Football Legends series, Vann McElroy, **Baylor '82**, was honored at halftime of the Baylor-Texas game. A star free safety for the Bears, he won All-Southwest Conference honors twice and was an All-American as a senior. He still holds Baylor's record for career interceptions (16); was named to the Baylor 1980-1989 All-Decade Team; and went into the school's Athletic Hall of Fame in 1994. Vann also played nine NFL years and currently is a player agent.

Cross Country

Kirby Davis '07 was the top runner for **Maine** and won the America East Conference championship in an 8K time of 25:38. At the NCAA regional meet, he placed 29th (31:08) in the 10K event. He was also 12th (25:23) at the New England championships and was America East runner of the week after placing 18th (24:38.40) at the Murray Keating Invitational. **Morehead State** runner James Clements '06 placed 18th (28:00) at the Eastern Kentucky Open and 43rd (27:15.21) at the Ohio Valley Conference meet. Mike Lynch '08 of **Dartmouth** placed 34th (28:19) at the Keene State Five Mile Invitational.

Captain William Shimer '06 was the leading runner for **Moravian** and had a time of 28:56.18 at the Mid-Atlantic Conference meet. He placed 13th (23:29) at the Cougar Classic four mile run and finished 18th at the 8K Mule/Falcon Classic. Andrew Bonnell of **Lambuth** was Mid-South Conference co-runner of the week after placing 28th (27.21) at the 8K Commodore Classic. He also placed 16th (27:39) at the 8K Ted Lloyd Stampede and tied for 25th at the 8K Greater Louisville Cross Country Classic. Teammate Andrew Pulliam was the Lambuth team captain.



Gabe Tonkin '06, Johns Hopkins

Matt Kempton '06 was the top competitor on the **Ohio Wesleyan** cross country squad. He placed seventh (27:12) at the September Great Lakes Conference championship and was 17th at the North Coast Athletic Conference meet. In the last meet of the season, he posted a time of 27:07 at the NCAA Division III Great Lakes Regional meet. Gabe Tonkin '06 of **Johns Hopkins** had a best time of 28.58 at the Blue Jay Invitational.

Seven SigEps were members of the **Babson** cross country squad. Co-captain Matt Walsh '07 had several good finishes: sixth at the Regis College Invitational; 23rd (27:40) at the NEWMAC meet; and 17th at the Roger Williams Invitational. Alberto Vazquez '06 had an eighth place finish at the Regis meet, placed 32nd at the Williams meet and ranked 52nd at NEWMAC. Other good Babson runners were Scott Cormier '08 (10th at the Regis meet); Rob Chapman '07 (13th at the Regis meet); Pete Butera '07; Pat Socorro '08; and Jing Mai '08.

Soccer

Earning All-Atlantic 10 honorable mention for 9-5-5 **St. Louis** was goalie Jeff Sackman '05, a graduate student. He played 1,631 minutes and posted a 1.27 goals against average with 70 saves. He allowed just 23 goals in 18 games played. Concluding a stellar career in goal for **Central Florida** was Ryan McIntosh '06, who played every minute of all 16 games. He posted a 1.48 goals against average with 92 saves and three shutouts. Teammate Alexander Gessen '07 had 11 starts as a midfielder and scored six points.

Ten SigEps saw extensive action for the 17-3-2 **Truman State** squad, which went to the NCAA Division II playoffs. Among the scoring leaders were Tony Novelty '08 (10 points), Ryan Cravens '07 (nine points) and Geoff Brengle '06 (seven points). Other leading players were Matt McCarthy '07 (six points), Drew Vogt '08 (five points), Paul Link '06, Dan Gajewski '07, Wes Frevert '06, Ben Hicks '06 and Dan Wehrmann '09. Playing for the 14-6-1 **Baldwin-Wallace** squad were defenseman Tom Ehmfelt '07 and midfielder Mike McCue '08. The 10-6 **Illinois Tech** squad featured the talents of goalie Nathan Woods '07, Kyle Koning '07, Alex Colvin '08 and Armando Limon '06, among others.

The **Monmouth** squad featured seven SigEp players. The regular in goal was Brad Hoffman '07, who had a 1.82 goals against average, 119 saves and three shutouts. Good scorers were Brian Potter '06 (12 points), Trevor Neff '08 (12 points), Brandon Stacey '08 (nine points) and Matthew Dabbs '06 (seven points). Other Monmouth players seeing starting duty were defensemen Justin Williams '06 and Jake Emerson '06.

Co-captain David Hennessey '07 was a solid goalie for **Clarkson** and played 1,043 minutes in 12 games. He had 76 saves and goals against average of 2.67. Teammate Jeff Pappas '07 started 16 games as a defenseman. The duo of forward Ryan Hintenach '06 (10 starts, six points) and goalie Ian Nuno '06 (19 saves) saw action for **Moravian**. Playing in eight games for



Tufts was midfielder Benjamin Sternberg. Seeing action for **Kentucky Wesleyan** were midfielder Derek Rutledge '07 and forward Michael Ruess '07. Defenseman Al Zachos '07 started for **Huntingdon** was joined on the team by Bobby Miller '09. In the next issue, we will provide details on SigEp winter sports athletes including basketball and swimming.

Ryan McIntosh '05, Central Florida (above); Alejandro Gessen '07, Central Florida (inset, above left) and Benjamin Sternberg '08, Tufts (inset, left).

"As long as I'm at home, I don't think it's a big deal if my teenage son throws a party with alcohol."

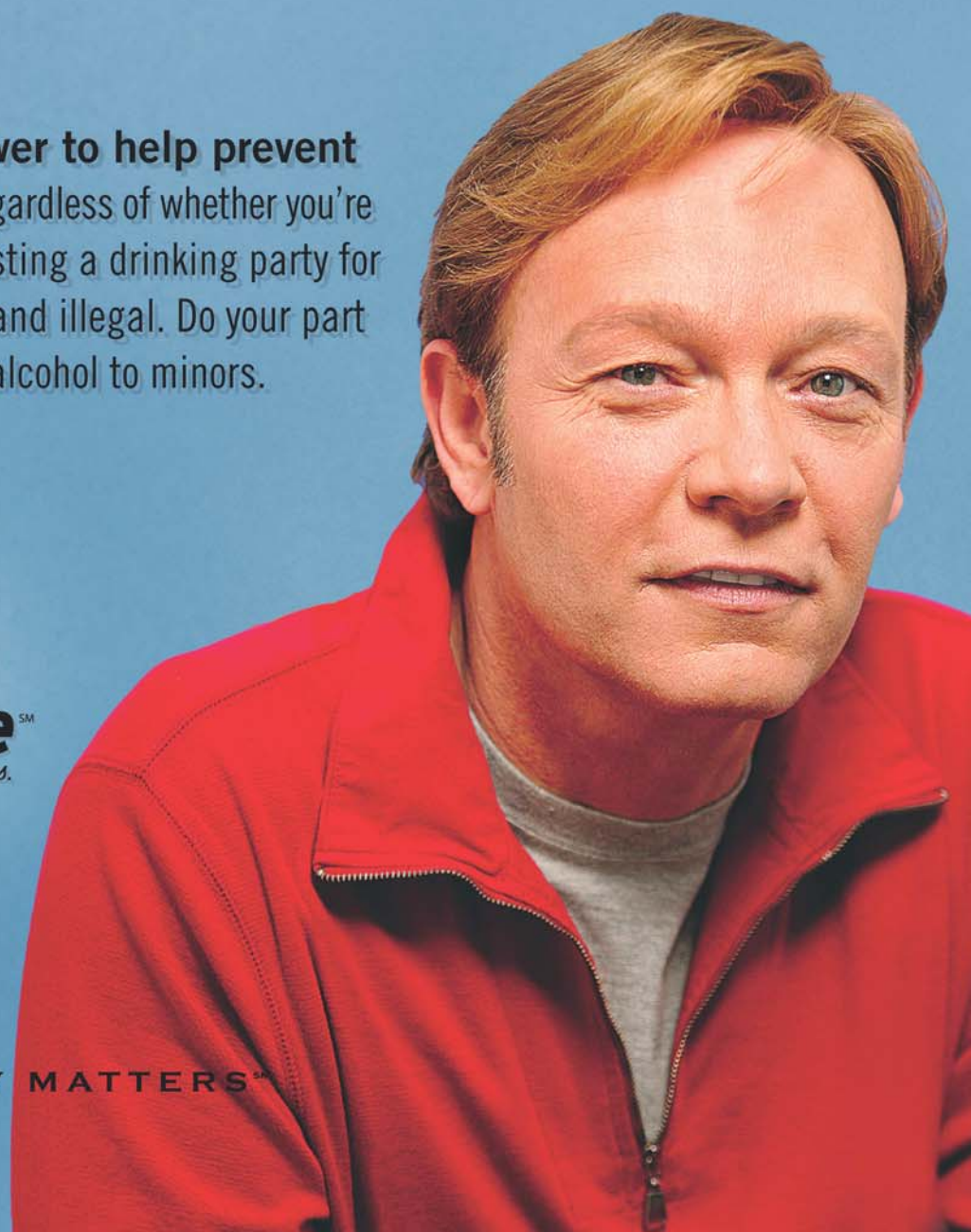
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Washington U. Brother Overcomes Challenges, Inspires Community

BY ERIC WASSERSTRUM, '07
Washington U. in St. Louis

There was something noticeably absent from the recruitment event at the chapter house last week. The air was filled with echoes of small talk and the motion of brothers and rushees alike. Unheard, though, was a sound that has become part of the chapter over the last semester.

The familiar ring from **Marc Elliot '08**, is the result of Tourette's Syndrome. The condition, which he has had since childhood, is characterized by uncontrollable vocal outbursts and involuntary physical motions.

Marc was out of the chapter house that night. He was, as he often does, giving a motivational speech. That Friday, he was addressing the St. Louis Tourette's Association.

Outspoken Brother

Marc regularly speaks to audiences about the challenges growing up with Tourette's Syndrome and how he succeeded in the face of adversity. Being a native of St. Louis, he has spoken at the Missouri Teachers' Conference and to over 20 local schools about making students comfortable in the classroom and creating an environment conducive to learning.

Marc's active involvement in the local community is matched by his participation in SigEp. He is currently spring recruitment chair and, after winning second prize for a freshman in the Balanced Man Scholarship last year, was appointed to this year's BMS Committee.

While his roles in the leadership of SigEp are impressive, Marc's personal impact on the Fraternity tells a more compelling story. He brings with him good cheer and an encouraging outlook on life that radiates a positive influence on the brothers around him. He lives by the principles he speaks publicly on, and the chapter is better off for it.

In school, Marc is majoring in biology and is on the pre-med track. He wants to become a pediatric surgeon, a goal inspired by Dr. Jessie Ternberg, the doctor who saved Marc after an intestinal birth defect threatened his life. The intestinal abnormality left Marc in the hospital for the first six months of his life, and in and out of the operating room until he was four. Despite the residual complications of the defect, Marc lives a remarkably normal and healthy life.

There was, to be sure, some initial concern about Marc's potential place in SigEp. It was perhaps unclear to what extent his condition could effect his participation in all aspects of fraternal life.

These misgivings were, to say the least, grossly misguided. But, to attribute Marc's success in the Missouri Beta Chapter to a good-natured brotherhood would be to give the latter too much credit, and the former not enough. Marc is a brother not because we have gone out of our way to make it so, but because he has.



L-R: Past Grand President and Order of the Golden Heart recipient John W. Hartman, Missouri '61; Marc Elliot, Washington U. in St. Louis '08; and his father, Bill Elliot, at Parents' Weekend.

Marc's challenges do indeed set him apart. But, it is a pleasant irony that, in so distinguishing Marc, his traits now make him more noticeable in absence rather than in attendance. That is why we do not say that Marc "fits in" here—as if his place in the chapter is so artificial that it requires continuous reinforcement. Marc's place in the chapter now is so natural that, like last Friday night, we are only reminded of it when it is missing.

Tourette Syndrome: Some frequently asked questions

Q. What is Tourette Syndrome?

A. Tourette Syndrome (TS) is a neurological disorder characterized by tics — involuntary, rapid, sudden movements or vocalizations that occur repeatedly in the same way.

Q. Is obscene language (coprolalia) a typical symptom of TS?

A. Definitely not. The fact is that cursing, uttering obscenities, and ethnic slurs are manifested by fewer than 15% of people with TS. Too often, however, the media seize upon this symptom for its sensational effect.

Q. What are the first symptoms?

A. The most common first symptom is a facial tic such as rapidly blinking eyes or twitches of the mouth. Involuntary sounds such as throat clearing and sniffing, or tics of the limbs may be initial signs. For a minority, the disorder begins abruptly with multiple symptoms of movements and sounds.

Q. Is there a cure?

A. Not yet.

Editor's note: More than 200,000 Americans are diagnosed with Tourette's Syndrome. Members of the Missouri Beta Chapter are learning a great lesson in being inclusive while practicing our third cardinal principle, Brotherly Love. For more information on Tourette's Syndrome visit www.tsa-usa.org.

Phi Beta Kappa Wheelhouse

LIVING THE BALANCED MAN IDEAL

National GPA Goal Set at 3.15; SigEp GPA at 2.99

Record Six Chapters Earn a Chapter-wide 3.5 Phi Beta Kappa GPA

In the last issue of *The Journal*, we informed you that SigEp's national GPA for spring, 2005 broke the 3.0 barrier with a 3.02. That was with 59 chapters reporting. Today with 219 chapters reporting, our GPA stands at an impressive 2.99. SigEp is poised to push ever onward, ever upward, by constantly challenging the status quo. At its November meeting, the National Board of Directors raised the national GPA goal from a 3.0 GPA by 2011 to a 3.15 by 2011.

Spring 2005 GPA for 219 chapters reporting: 2.99

NAME	GPA	RANK	MANPOWER
1. Dartmouth	3.58	1/13	96
2. Yale	3.58	n/a	58
3. U. of Chicago	3.51	n/a	30
4. Georgia*	3.51	1/27	86
5. Stanford	3.51	n/a	34
6. American	3.5	n/a	12
7. Drake *	3.47	1/8	82
8. Duke	3.44	3/16	73
9. Georgetown	3.42	n/a	70
10. Bucknell	3.41	1/11	90
11. California-Berkeley	3.33	n/a	26
12. Stevens Tech	3.38	1/10	34
13. Nebraska*	3.37	4/22	107
14. Ohio State*	3.37	2/30	78
15. Illinois*	3.36	3/46	128
16. U. of Rochester	3.35	n/a	33
17. U. of Miami	3.33	3/10	81
18. Northwestern*	3.33	8/17	102
19. U. of Toledo*	3.33	1/11	73
20. Washington	3.33	3/26	30
21. Washington U. in St. Louis	3.33	4/12	56
22. Arizona State	3.3	n/a	37
23. Rhode Island	3.3	n/a	33
24. Tufts	3.3	4/11	42
25. Case Western Reserve*	3.29	6/16	49
26. Louisiana State	3.29	1/22	100
27. Clarkson	3.27	1/10	47
28. Vanderbilt	3.27	4/16	62
29. Oregon State	3.26	1/22	91
30. Truman State	3.26	4/14	75
31. Babson	3.24	n/a	42
32. Washburn	3.23	1/4	35
33. Creighton	3.22	3/5	64
34. Michigan	3.22	7/26	76
35. St. Louis U.	3.22	5/13	98
36. Virginia	3.22	n/a	50
37. Quinnipiac	3.21	n/a	39
38. Delaware	3.2	1/18	65
39. Drexel	3.2	1/9	41
40. Huntingdon	3.19	n/a	16
41. U. of Cincinnati*	3.18	n/a	80
42. Rutgers	3.18	2/22	56
43. Missouri-Rolla	3.17	2/19	44
44. California-Santa Barbara	3.16	1/9	64
45. Colorado	3.16	n/a	50
46. Davidson	3.16	4/8	78
47. Pennsylvania	3.16	23/33	66
48. Wisconsin*	3.16	n/a	105

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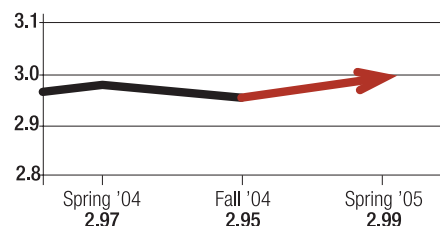
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It Begins with Recruitment: Wisconsin's Strategy for Academics

Nearly every incoming freshman at the University of Wisconsin has a GPA greater than a 3.0, so the Wisconsin Beta Chapter promotes itself as the academic fraternity to attract the best of the best. Sophomores and upperclassman must have a 3.0 GPA to meet the chapter's recruitment standards. Each semester the chapter conducts the Balanced Man Scholarship and invites 20-30 finalists to attend. The banquet shows the chapter's commitment to academics by recognizing students who exemplify the Balanced Man Ideal and many finalists join as a result.

The chapter recruited an advisory board consisting of university staff, including the Dean of Students Office, Recreational Sports, University Health Services, Wisconsin Alumni Association, Cross College Advising, L & S Career Services and the Office of Human Resource Development. The idea for the board came out of a discussion on how to best utilize faculty and staff from the school. It became obvious that a panel of experts would be more efficient than having one faculty advisor. This group attends chapter meetings and shares resources to assist SigEp in achieving its GPA goals. The advisory board also attends the Balanced Man Scholarship Banquet.

In addition to recruitment and the advisory board, the chapter has a successful mentoring program. Older members pair up with the younger members based on similar majors. The chapter hosts dinners with various professors at different restaurants in Madison. These dinners increase interaction between the brothers and the faculty and are one way the chapter promotes Sound Mind.



Two Tales of Testicular Cancer, One Message: Seek Help Early

BY RYAN P. BLANCK,
Western Michigan '02

I figured I was too healthy to have anything like this happen to me. But, then again, I bet Lance Armstrong thought the same thing.

It seemed to come out of nowhere... consistent, uncomfortable, dull pains in my groin and testicles. Once these pains became unbearable, I had to look up testicular cancer on the Internet. I then realized I had three top symptoms:

1. Dull pain in one or both testicles
2. Pain in the groin
3. Swelling

Most guys feel they are invincible and may not seek medical advice or treatment. I am not one of those guys, and encourage all of my SigEp Brothers to do the right thing. As soon as the symptoms were apparent, I immediately sought professional help. I was scared.

I met my doctor and we discussed the possible outcomes. During the examination, he noticed there was some swelling and inflammation, but the testicles themselves weren't too irregular.

We began treating this condition as an infection and I took my antibiotics as prescribed. It was my understanding that, if I were still feeling these pains by the end of the next week, we would begin to worry. With each passing day, I continued to be concerned. The pain wasn't getting better and in some cases...worse. I had a 50-50 chance to be cancer-free and did my best to remain positive. Can you imagine what it is like living with the chance you might have cancer?

After taking the advice of Past Grand President and Order of the Golden Heart recipient



Ryan P. Blanck, Western Michigan '02



"Be
kind, for
everyone
you
meet is
fighting
a hard
battle."

— Plato

Q&A about Testicular Cancer

Q. Are there different types of testicular cancer?

A. The vast majority of testicular tumors are called germ-cell tumors. There are two main types of germ cell tumour: seminomas and teratomas. Younger patients are more likely to have seminomas and older patients to have teratomas.

Q. Is there screening for testicular cancer?

A. Men can screen themselves by feeling for lumps in their testicles. Men between 25 and 45 should do this every few months. If a lump is found on one testicle, check the other one to see if the same lump is present. If there are similar lumps on both, then it is almost certainly a normal part of the testicles. If the lump is only on one testicle, you should consult your doctor.

Q. Is early diagnosis important?

A. As with all cancers, the earlier the diagnosis, the easier the cancer is to cure.

Courtesy of the Association of International Cancer Research. For more information, go to <http://www.aicr.org.uk/testicularcancerfaqs.stm>

William G. Tragos, Washington U. in St. Louis '56, and National Director (and testicular cancer survivor) **Phillip A. Cox, Indiana '84**, I had my doctor make me an appointment for an ultrasound. I had to wait two days before learning the results...two days of living in fear. During that time, I continued to receive insight, counseling, and positive reinforcement from family and friends (special thanks to Bill and Phil).

Finally, the call came, and I learned I am cancer-free. I do, however, have two cysts and a little calcification which continued to leave me in pain for the next couple weeks. I'll go back to the hospital for an additional ultrasound in April while continuing to self-monitor.

My case, thankfully, turned out to be the best case scenario.

BY SEBASTIAN K. KARWACZYNSKI,
Lawrence Tech '03

It started with a pain in my right testicle. It was a Monday morning in August, 2004, and, for some reason, I thought that maybe I slept wrong. I went to work and endured the day. After work, I returned home and took a shower, where I checked my testicle to see if I had any lumps or abnormalities. It did. I found a lump the size of a pea on my right testicle.

Everything was going my way. I was already working as an Engineer for a big Japanese automotive manufacturer, months before I graduated. Without doubt, I felt invincible; I held the world in the palm of my hand and could do anything. My name is **Sebastian K. Karwaczynski, Lawrence Tech '03**, and I am a cancer survivor.

The next day I set up an appointment with my family doctor. He



*Sebastian K. Karwaczynski,
Lawrence Tech '03*

checked the testicle and immediately sent me to have an ultrasound done. I soon learned the cancer was taking over the testicle, getting bigger and very uncomfortable. On August 31, I had the testicle removed. The operation went well, and the doctor allowed me to go home and return to work the following week. I was a little embarrassed over what had happened, so, at first, I did not talk to people about it. However, after a few weeks, I opened up and returned to life as usual.

Chemotherapy vs. Surgery

When you have any form of testicular cancer, you must go through years of checkups including CT-Scans and blood work that would show if you have cancer that might have spread elsewhere. The day after Thanksgiving, I learned the cancer had spread to my lymph nodes. Words cannot describe the way I felt at that moment. I could not breathe and everything became silent. Then I had a choice put before me, to have my lymph nodes removed or to have chemo. My family and I went to Indiana University and met with Dr. Richard Foster, an associate of Dr. Lawrence Einhorn. Dr. Einhorn helped cure Lance Armstrong's cancer.

Dr. Foster reviewed my file and suggested that I have the chemotherapy. Afterwards, I would have another CT-Scan done. The chemotherapy was

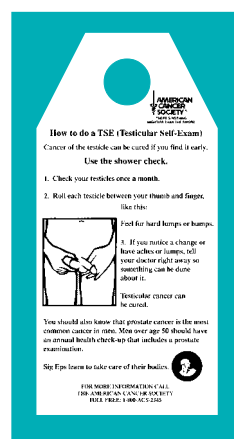
to begin on December 27, 2004. When I finished my chemotherapy, CT-Scans were taken showing that the lymph nodes had shrunk. Dr. Foster wanted to perform the RPLND (retro peritoneal lymph node dissection) procedure on me to be completely sure that I no longer had the cancer.

On April 29, 2005, the surrounding lymph nodes were removed. During my recovery in the hospital, I was visited by Dr. Einhorn himself, and he told me and my family the news. He told me that the lymph nodes had been dissected and did not contain any trace of cancer! That night, as I was lying there, I remembered what I had gone through and silently cried myself to sleep. I have a few scars,

but I don't want to have cosmetic surgery to correct them. I want them to be there, as reminders. I want people going through this ordeal to know that I have been through a similar experience. For me, I also consider it a great character builder. I am thankful that SigEp continues to raise awareness on testicular cancer.

The Journal helps others who suffer the same challenge know they are not alone. Should anyone reading this need support or more information, email me at sigepkarwesh@hotmail.com.

Testicular Cancer Self-Exam shower hangers are available for your chapter. Contact Ryan Blanck via email (ryan.blanck@sigep.net) to order some for your chapter.



Class: POL 143

Location: Miami U. (Ohio)
Residential Learning
Community



A

class taught in a SigEp chapter house is a unique expression of the residential college concept of Oxford University in Cambridge,

England. This living-learning environment is where professors live with their students, and this philosophy is emulated in Sigma Phi Epsilon Residential Learning Communities. Most Faculty Fellows hold office hours in the chapter house as a

Professor and Brother: Stewart Watson teaches his Human Motivation & Performance Management class to the men of the Ohio Eta RLC.

way to impact a student's development outside of the classroom. In addition to office hours, the Faculty Fellows at the Ohio Eta Residential Learning Community at Miami University are taking the pursuit of knowledge far beyond the classroom.

BY E. SCOTT THOMPSON, II,
Southern Mississippi '99

In the Spring, 2005, semester, SigEp launched the first academic class taught in a fraternity house at Miami University. The eight-week class met for two hours each week, and 25 brothers participated for one hour's credit. The political science class dealt with ethics and was a discussion-based course applicable to all majors. POL 143 featured guest lectures from many of Miami's departments. Students were required to do reading on issues before class, write a one- to three-page summary of their thoughts and attend all of the classes.

Academic Walls Within Hallowed Halls

"The one thing I didn't want is for this to become a free credit hour," Faculty Fellow and Renaissance Brother Dr. George Ehrhardt said. He became involved with SigEp after one of his students recommended him to the chapter's faculty fellow search committee.

After agreeing to be the faculty fellow, he wanted to become further involved with SigEp and brought up the idea of starting a class in the chapter's Residential Learning Community, as it is a more comfortable learning situation than in a lecture hall. With many brothers as pre-med and business majors, Brother Ehrhardt wanted to find a way to bridge the gaps between the two majors and find topics the students could all engage as equals.

Today Brother Ehrhardt is located at Appalachian State University (he was a visiting assistant professor in the department of political science) and is volunteering with the North Carolina Xi Chapter. He said of his experience with SigEp, "...serious conversations about fundamental questions—who we are and how we should live our lives—are a vital part of a complete education (and becoming a Balanced Man). For me, it was really gratifying to see how enthusiastically students in pre-professional programs responded to my challenge. The overwhelming majority left with comments like, 'This is what I thought college would be like, this is what college should be like.'"

Unending Pursuit of Knowledge

Another faculty fellow was recruited through the same interview/selection process that produced George Ehrhardt. Brother **Stewart Watson, Winthrop '84**, is the chair of the Educational Psychology Department. One of his graduate students and SigEp Resident Scholar, **Nathan Dumford, Ball State '05**, helped identify him and, over lunch with the Executive Committee, Stewart committed to being faculty fellow.

The Ohio Eta Residential Learning Community will have two classes taught in the Spring, 2006, semester. One, a discussion-based international studies class, will be open to all Miami University students, and the other, Human Motivation & Performance Management, will be open only to SigEps. Brother Watson will teach the latter class and hopes to see this approach flourish with other SigEp chapters. "I am impressed with the Balanced Man Ideal and encourage other professors to look at their own fields of expertise to develop programming that contributes to an already exceptional group of men," he said.



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IN CONCERT

BY E. SCOTT THOMPSON, II
Southern Mississippi '99

“Some people say that seeing is believing. I think they are wrong. I think that believing is seeing,” said Eric Weihenmeyer, the first blind person to summit Mount Everest, during his keynote speech at the Brotherhood Luncheon. He was talking about the skeptics in the world who balked at the thought of a blind man climbing to the top of Everest, and his message of unbridled optimism in the face of adversity fits well with Sigma Phi Epsilon’s mission.

SigEp in Concert was the Fraternity’s theme for the 49th Grand Chapter Conclave, and like Eric’s proclamation, SigEp’s vision is accomplishing great

results in the face of those who believe a fraternity is outdated and irrelevant. Over 1,350 people attended this meeting of the Grand Chapter, making it the second largest in SigEp’s history. For many in attendance, it was one of their highlights as a SigEp. “The experience I had at Conclave is one I will take with me for the rest of my life. Not only did it celebrate the Balanced Man Ideal of Sound Mind and Sound Body, but it celebrated the true meaning of SigEp brotherhood,” said **Tim Varner, North Carolina ’07**. He was a first-timer at Conclave and now he is a believer.

An Honor to be Among Champions

SigEp in Concert kicked off with the Balanced Man Celebration, and what better place to begin the Conclave than in the historic Ryman Auditorium. The Ryman was the birthplace of the Grand Ole Opry and countless legends in music performed on its stage. The Balanced Man Celebration was when Buchanan Cups were awarded to 33 chapters for consistent excellence since the previous Conclave, and then Grand President **James F. Robeson, U. of Cincinnati '59**, addressed the crowd. "Our undergraduate brothers attacked academics with such vigor that they achieved our 10-year goal of a 3.0 member average GPA six years ahead of plan," Brother Robeson said. This excellence led to raising the GPA goal to a 3.15, a Phi Beta Kappa Wheelhouse GPA for the Fraternity.

"What you all are doing is not only walking the walk, you are talking the talk, and that is changing the course of history," said five-time Grammy winner Wynonna Judd of the SigEp/YouthAIDS partnership to the jam-packed house in the Ryman. Judd congratulated SigEp for its courage in educating college students about the HIV/AIDS epidemic and sharing the YouthAIDS message of abstinence, being faithful to one partner, and consistent, correct condom use. The Florida Epsilon Chapter at Florida State University received the inaugural SigEp/YouthAIDS Award for Excellence for its Spike Out AIDS week. The award recognizes the chapter that did the most to support the SigEp/YouthAIDS partnership.

Proud of the Right Things:

Sigma Phi Epsilon Educational Foundation

Much like an orchestra needs a brilliant composer and finely-tuned instruments to create a symphony, the Sigma Phi Epsilon Educational Foundation has provided that support to the Fraternity to the tune of \$6 million in scholarships and student loan support and \$13 million for SigEp leadership programming. At the Educational Foundation Luncheon, more examples of that support were highlighted.

Anurag Kashyap, 2005 Champion of the Scripps Spelling Bee, received a framed certificate honoring his accomplishment in the Bee. The Educational Foundation partnered with Scripps and provided a \$5,000 scholarship. Later that evening, Anurag was a guest at the Sigma Phi Epsilon Educational Foundation Board of Governors dinner and was recognized as a new member of the Board



Above: YouthAIDS Music Ambassador Wynonna Judd address the crowd during the Balanced Man Celebration.

Right: D. J. Scilla, aka Chris Harris, Kent State '04, performs one of his SigEp raps.

The view from the balcony at the Ryman Auditorium during the Balanced Man Celebration.

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—William G. Tragos

of Governors, sponsored by past members of the SigEp Headquarters staff.

“SigEp is promoting the right values and the right things, helping young men in our country live their best lives. And it starts with Sound Mind, Sound Body. You can build the rest of your life on that,” said Past Grand President and Order of the Golden Heart Recipient **William G. Tragos, Washington U. in St. Louis ’56**, to the audience. Both he and his wife, Lilli, announced their \$1 million endowment to fund the, now renamed, *Tragos Quest to Greece* in perpetuity. As the

Tragos Endowment grows in value it will provide additional funding for professors of the classics who interpret the philosophy of classical Greece at the Ruck Leadership Institute, Carlson Leadership Academies, Grand Chapter Conclaves and other programs in the Leadership Continuum. It will educate alumni, volunteers, undergraduate SigEps and Faculty Fellows in Sigma Phi Epsilon Residential Learning Communities about the philosophy of classical Greece as it relates to Sigma Phi Epsilon’s Balanced Man.



Above: William G. Tragos and his wife Lilli at the Educational Foundation Luncheon.

Right: Brothers assemble at the starting line for the 5K run to benefit YouthAIDS.



Buchanan Cup: 2005 Recipients

The Award was established in 1961 as the Chapter Leadership Cup to recognize outstanding chapters. In 1967, the award was named for **Edwin T. Buchanan, Ohio State ’11**. “Buck” served as Grand President from 1953 to 1955 and as Grand Treasurer from 1932 to 1967. Chapters that win a Buchanan Cup dominate their campus in academics, manpower, campus involvement, and epitomize the Balanced Man Ideal.

Statistics for these chapters are impressive: the average manpower is 83; the average GPA is a 3.15. They are **SigEp in Concert**, having found harmony between quantity and quality and the pursuit of excellence. Most impressive is how these chapters have found ways to pursue the Balanced Man Ideal of developing a Sound Mind in a Sound Body.

California Chi — Loyola Marymount	Illinois Lambda Residential Learning Community — Northwestern	Nebraska Gamma — Nebraska-Kearney
California Mu — Cal Poly-Pomona	Illinois Nu — Eastern Illinois	New Hampshire Alpha — Dartmouth
D.C. Alpha — George Washington	Indiana Alpha — Purdue	North Dakota Alpha Residential Learning Community — North Dakota
Florida Gamma — U. of Miami	Indiana Zeta Residential Learning Community — Valparaiso	Ohio Gamma Residential Learning Community—Ohio State
Florida Iota Residential Learning Community — South Florida	Iowa Delta Residential Learning Community — Drake	Ohio Iota Residential Learning Community — U. of Toledo
Georgia Delta Residential Learning Community — Georgia	Kansas Beta — Kansas State	Oregon Alpha — Oregon State
Illinois Alpha Residential Learning Community — Illinois	Kansas Eta — Wichita State	Pennsylvania Kappa — Bucknell
Illinois Gamma Residential Learning Community — Monmouth	Kentucky Zeta — Morehead State	Tennessee Eta — Austin Peay State
	Louisiana Gamma — Loyola	Texas Alpha — Texas
	Massachusetts Theta — Babson	Virginia Alpha Residential Learning Community — U. of Richmond
	Missouri Zeta Residential Learning Community — Southeast Missouri State	
	Missouri Eta Residential Learning Community — Missouri State	

Sound Body 5K

For the second consecutive Conclave, the Fraternity organized a 5K run on Saturday morning and 108 guests participated. The route looped around Liberty Park and ended at the Nashville Parthenon, replica of the Ancient Greek icon. Proceeds from the run were donated to YouthAIDS.

Health & Wellness

This Conclave saw the debut of the Health & Wellness Room, where brothers had access to personal trainers, yoga instructors, dieticians and massage therapists. Brothers young and old received information on how to live their best life in pursuit of the Balanced Man Ideal. Personal trainers were on-hand to individually consult with SigEps and assist them in creating fitness routines to match their health goals.



Eric Weihenmeyer speaking at the Brotherhood Luncheon.

Legislation

The legislative floor of the Grand Chapter was a flurry of activity from its opening through its final sessions. A total of 32 resolutions made it to the floor for action, and some of the highlights include:

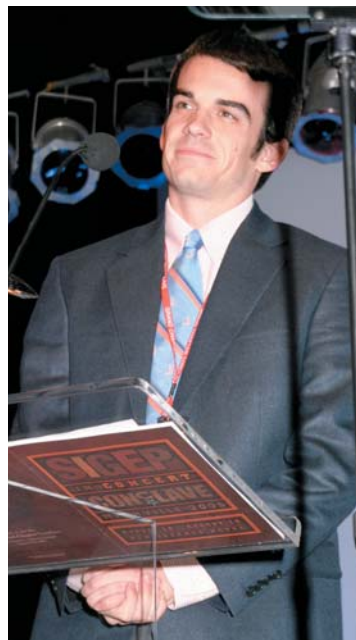
- Increasing membership fees (from \$220 to \$275 for Balanced Man Program chapters and from a \$50 to \$100 pledging fee and \$170 to \$175 initiation fee for pledging model chapters) and annual dues (from \$60 per man to \$75 per man), effective January 1, 2006.
- Renewing the strategic partnership between SigEp and YouthAIDS for 10 years.
- Minimum Chapter GPA standard is raised from a 2.5 GPA to a 2.6 GPA, effective 2006-2007 academic year.

Visit www.sigep.org/resources/default.asp and click on Legislation and Bylaws for a complete listing of Grand Chapter legislation.

Philias: The Essence of Brotherhood

One of the most emotional parts of the Conclave, the Brotherhood Luncheon, began with the Necrology, the final roll call for SigEp brothers who passed away since the previous Grand Chapter Conclave. Microphone stands were placed on the floor and brothers read the name, alma mater and class year of our fallen brothers.

After lunch, Eric Weihenmeyer spoke about his struggle to ascend Mount Everest. His message was centered on the power of vision, not sight, but foresight, for a vision is far more powerful than a goal. It is how you see yourself living, serving others and impacting the world. He added that SigEp's Balanced Man Ideal represented a clear vision, one that takes courage and focus to achieve. Comparing the Fraternity to a rope team, he said, "You join this rope team of 250,000 members and 256 chapters...the scope and the power of that team is an absolutely unstoppable force for change. You have different motives, different goals, but one vision which binds you together." Eric left the podium with everyone in a standing ovation, uplifted by his message and ready to take on the world.



Scott Erwin receives the Honor of Philias.

Finally, the Honor of Philias was presented to **Scott R. Erwin, U. of Richmond '04**, for his overwhelming display of Brotherly Love. Brother Erwin taught democracy to the youth of Iraq and was nearly killed one morning after insurgents attacked his SUV. Scott was humbled by receiving the Honor of Philias and gave credit to fellow chapter brother **Dan Jones, U. of Richmond '03**, for helping create and implement the Ambassadors of Democracy program. Brother Jones left Iraq four days before Scott was attacked. In addition to Brother Jones' role, Brother Erwin

noted, "The importance of this story is not mine. It is those Iraqi students who to this day are continuing to travel around Baghdad and its environs and discuss the importance of Democracy with their peers."

You have different motives, different goals, but one vision which binds you together."

—Eric Weihenmeyer

Gold Buchanan Cup for a Decade of Excellence

Winning at Least Five Consecutive Buchanan Cups

In 2003, an award was commissioned to honor those chapters that are truly great, having achieved excellence over time. In that spirit, the Decade of Excellence Award was created. This golden Buchanan Cup is a testament to the strength of these three chapters.

Iowa Theta Residential Learning Community — University of Northern Iowa
Manpower—55; Spring '05 GPA—3.09; Six consecutive Buchanan Cups and second Gold Buchanan Cup

Over the past six years, this Residential Learning Community has been ranked number one in manpower, academics, and intramurals. It led its Interfraternity Council (IFC) to raise grade requirements and standards on campus. With members involved in over 100 organizations, 20 SigEps hold leadership positions on campus with three student government senators, four IFC officers, and two club athletes. Notable achievements include Greek Man of the Year, IFC Officer of the Year, and the Greek Community Service Award. The chapter involves university faculty, with one professor as its Chapter Counselor.

Ohio Theta Residential Learning Community — University of Cincinnati
Manpower—80; Spring '05 GPA—3.18; 12th Buchanan Cup and second Gold Buchanan Cup

This Residential Learning Community is the largest fraternity on campus. The chapter hosts 50 finalists and their parents, along with university officials including the president, at its Balanced Man Scholarship banquet where it provides a scholarship that covers the entire cost of one quarter's tuition. Its members are involved in every facet of the campus and boast executive leaders in over 40 organizations. SigEp has won

the intramural championship for the past two years. For Sound Mind, chapter members attended fine arts events once a month, took ballroom dancing lessons, and held a dinner for brothers with a GPA above a 3.15. SigEp has also hosted discussions led by its faculty fellow. For Sound Body, members post work-out schedules in the chapter house and work out in teams. Each spring there is a Sound Body week of chapter-wide competitions in strength and endurance.

Nebraska Alpha Residential Learning Community — University of Nebraska
Manpower—107; Spring '05 GPA—3.37; 15th Buchanan Cup and first Gold Buchanan Cup

This Residential Learning Community is the largest on its campus with over 100 men. Academic performance is a requirement of membership, as this chapter has a 3.35 GPA. It was the pilot chapter for a federal grant promoting the responsible use of alcohol, helping to launch a campus-wide initiative to combat the effects of binge drinking on college campuses. Brothers are actively engaged in Student Government, Order of Omega, Golden Key, IFC, Relay for Life, Regent Scholars, and College Republicans. One brother was named the university's Homecoming King and is an Oxford University exchange student. Recently completed are more than \$1.5 million in renovations to the chapter facility.

A Grand Finale

The Alumni Awards Dinner is the recognition of the time and talents of Sigma Phi Epsilon's most dedicated alumni. Homage was paid to the 56 known brothers serving in Iraq and Afghanistan, and two brothers were given a special tribute. **Brad Arms, Georgia '06**, and **Noah Harris, Georgia '04**, were killed in combat, and both

were proud members of the Georgia Delta Chapter at the University of Georgia. Brother Arms wrote, in what would be his last email to his chapter brothers, "The fruits of my labor will not be realized for many years until the children of this country rule. The things that I have seen strengthen my resolve to live the life of a Balanced Man and lead by example."



Citation recipient and White House Press Secretary Scott McClellan.

2005 Sigma Phi Epsilon Citation Recipients

SigEp recognized our most successful ajiŌni, men who have achieved excellence in their chosen field, with the Sigma Phi Epsilon Citation. This Conclave marked the first time in the history of the Citation that two biological brothers were recognized with this award. In 40 years, only a select 227 SigEps have received this award.

- **Jeff Henley, California-Santa Barbara '66**, Chairman of Oracle Corporation
- **Garry C. Kief, Southern California '70**, Founder, Stiletto Entertainment
- **Mark McClellan, Texas '84**, Administrator of Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
- **Scott McClellan, Texas '90**, President George W. Bush's White House Press Secretary
- **Sam Poole, Thiel '69**, former President and CEO of Maxis, Inc.; Founder, Poole Investment Ventures

"The time is always right to do what is right."

— Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Unifying Vision

At the conclusion of the Alumni Awards Dinner, the National Board of Directors is installed by the outgoing Grand Chapter President. It is charged with governing the Fraternity for the next two years until the 50th Grand Chapter Conclave in Atlanta, Georgia. Brothers newly elected to the National Board of Directors:

- **Richard W. Bennet, III, Central Missouri '74**
- **Stephen B. Shanklin, Murray State '70**

- **Joseph M. Baird, Florida Atlantic '07**
- **Brian J. Barclay, Loyola Marymount '06**
- **Christopher S. Purdum, Wichita State '07**

Re-elected to a second six-year term was **Garry C. Kief, Southern California '70**. Brother Bennet fills a six-year term previously held by **Roger H. Van Hoozer, Washburn '72**. Brother Van Hoozer completed two six-year terms, the maximum allowed under the Fraternity's bylaws. Brother Shanklin fills

"In the world of knowledge the idea of the good appears last of all, and is seen only with effort."

—Socrates

the unexpired term of Brother Yeatts for the remaining two years of his term. Brothers Baird, Purdum, and Barclay will serve two-year terms as Student Directors.

This Conclave was a testament to our pursuit of excellence and how it is achieved together, in harmony, in concert. **SigEp in Concert** is achieving a 3.02 GPA.

SigEp in Concert is recruiting the most men. **SigEp in Concert** is having the best facilities and volunteers working with the chapter. **SigEp in Concert** is 1,350 brothers, friends, and family all believing in the Balanced Man Ideal. And believing, as our good friend Eric Weihenmeyer tells us, is seeing.

2005 Order of the Golden Heart Recipients



Brother Robeson after receiving the Order of the Golden Heart award.

Conceived by Past Grand President **Bedford W. Black, Wake Forest '40**, the Order of the Golden Heart is the highest honor awarded in the Fraternity, and only 139 brothers have been recognized since its inception in 1961. This gold medallion is conferred upon only those few alumni who, over a lifetime of dedication to Sigma Phi Epsilon, perform exceptionally outstanding service to our Fraternity, service of a magnitude that has required especially dedicated effort, often at great personal sacrifice, and has made a real, measurable, qualitative difference in the Sigma Phi Epsilon experience. Alumni who receive the award do not know they have been selected until their names are announced.

- **Clark Byrum, Indiana '57**
- **The Honorable Mitchell G. Crane, West Chester '77**
- **Dr. Michael A. Green, California-Berkeley '62**
- **Dr. Edward H. Hammond, Emporia State '66**
- **Dr. James F. Robeson, U. of Cincinnati '59**

"I'm so happy that these young men are doing the jobs they are doing now... A lot of them excelled. And that is what this whole job is about—getting young men to excel in their lives," said **Clark Byrum, Indiana '57**.

"Everyone who receives this award says they're surprised. And they are. I'm shocked. Absolutely shocked...I want you to know

I am most appreciative for the honor, especially knowing what that honor has meant, given the men who have gone before me. Thank you very much," said **James F. Robeson, U. of Cincinnati '59**, after receiving the Order of the Golden Heart.



The SigEp in Concert DVD, with over seven hours of footage from 2005 Conclave events in Nashville, is available at www.sigep.org/store



THIS IS NO SUM

IN THE SHADOW of the Temple of Poseidon overlooking the Aegean Sea the Ancient Greeks watched their ships set sail and caught the first glimpse of returning vessels. It was here, circa 5th Century B.C., where these abundantly curious Greeks hypothesized the world was round. They concluded this by noting the first sighting of any craft was the top of its mast, followed by the rest of the ship as it rose into view on the horizon. The rest of the known civilizations in the world believed the earth to be flat; the Greek view on the world was different.

Thousands of years later, 22 SigEps from all corners of the United States, a philosophy professor, his wife, and a Greek tour guide all stand in a similar shadow cast by the ruins of the temple and imagine what the area was like in its heyday. They are there to hypothesize the shape of their own world, testing its limits and understanding its depths and dimension. It is only one part of the experience. It is only one of the sites seen on this quest.

BY E. SCOTT THOMPSON, II,
Southern Mississippi '99

Why is the Tragos Quest to Greece Important?

The nineteenth century English historian John Acton said it best, "Save for the wild force of Nature, nothing exists in this world that is not Greek in origin." The Tragos Quest to Greece connects our Brothers with the world of the Ancient Greeks, the originators of Sound Mind and Sound Body and of Western Civilization. The Tragos Quest shows how such breakthroughs in thought, architecture, science and life sprang out of a country surrounded by war, in a time when thinking was limited.

The Greek influence resonates through our modern world in everything from democracy to physics, from the Olympics to institutions of higher learning. In essence, the Tragos Quest to Greece is a classroom with no walls, a course with no grade; no pass/fail, it even has a professor who doesn't lecture. You don't memorize information and then repeat it. You ask critical questions of yourself and learn from the Ancient Greeks. You achieve a greater appreciation of the Balanced Man Ideal and how to realize your full potential.



MER VACATION

This process begins months before setting foot on the plane to Athens. Scholars receive two books to read (see Readings on Greece, pg. 26) and a binder filled with selected passages for each day as well as a description of each site being visited. This information sets the stage by preparing Scholars for the upcoming journey and by building a sense of anticipation. This anticipation is realized when standing in the middle of the Theatre of Epidaurus with its flawless acoustics, and feeling the tension in the air like you are standing inside of a microphone. Every whisper or sound made while standing here is heard throughout the 3,000 seat stadium.

Total Immersion

Anyone who's had the opportunity to study in another country is familiar with this concept. You do more than learn that Greece has its own customs and traditions; you experience them first-hand. This heightens the Tragos Quest because you are forced to learn at every point in the journey. Upon arrival in Greece, the Scholars jump in with both

feet by touring and spending time with the Greek tour guide. By seeing the sites in person you gain a greater sense for what Ancient Greece was like. By hearing your tour guide explain the minute details of each site as well as the modern day world of the Greeks, another layer of understanding is added.

During all of this, you begin to think more and more like an Ancient Greek. You see in your own mind how their world worked, and from there you begin to understand who you are and how your contributions will benefit today's world. Before, during and after the Tragos Quest to Greece, Scholars keep a journal, and in it they reflect on the experience. It is a powerful tool, as reflection helps you further process your emotions and reactions to the Tragos Quest. Finally, you have discussions each morning and each evening that reinforces what you are learning.

Morning discussions were led by the former chair of the Philosophy Department at the University of Southern California, Dr. Ed McCann. His approach was to ask a few leading questions and

then the Scholars took over the discussion. This helped flesh out the ideas from the readings. How did Aristotle's views on Politics differ from his teacher and mentor Plato? In what ways are these manifested in modern political thought? Morning discussions prepared the scholars for the site(s) being seen that day.

Evening discussions focused on the Fraternity and were led by one of the alumni mentors on the Tragos Quest and two of the Scholars. What does idealism have to do with leadership, based on the



Some of the scholars atop the Pnyx, site where democracy was first practiced.

lessons of Pericles and his funeral oration? In the context of SigEps living an everyday life, how would you compare the values that guided Athenian public life to those that influence our behavior as chapter leaders? These discussions were based on the site(s) seen that day and further reinforced the experience in the mind's eye of the Scholar.

At the End of the Day...

So much of the wisdom held by the Ancient Greeks in the Golden Age (see sidebar, page 28) has stood the test of time. SigEps strive for the Ancient Greek approach to living a full life: develop a Sound Mind and a Sound Body. Our Fraternity is the only organization on college campuses to do so although there are numerous examples in the media which support the Balanced Man Ideal. Time magazine, Men's Fitness, and CNN are a few of the media sources that have done studies and reports all of which say the same thing—the Ancient Greeks were right. Mind and Body are linked and to enhance one at the expense of the other shortchanges your experience in life. Strive for excellence in both, and you will have a foundation upon which to build the rest of your life.



Welcome to the Tragos Quest to Greece

What follows was the itinerary for the 2005 Tragos Quest to Greece along with a brief description on the events taking place. It is meant to provide a glimpse into what was seen and done. The "typical" day looked like this:

7:30 a.m. Breakfast

8:00 a.m. Morning Discussion

9:00 a.m. Depart for Site(s)/Exploration of Site

12:00 p.m. Lunch

1:00 p.m. Continue Exploration/Travel to next Site

5:00 p.m. Break

6:00 p.m. Dinner

7:00 p.m. Evening Discussion

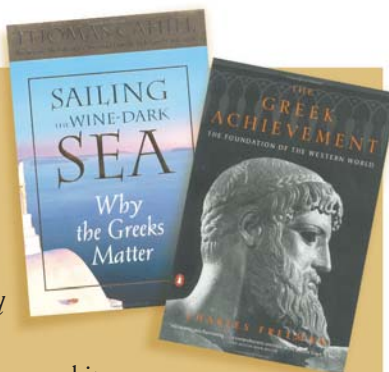
Every day begins early, especially for the average college student, with breakfast at 7:30 a.m. At 8:00 a.m. we have our morning discussion based on the selected readings for the day. Then it is off to our site(s). On the bus ride, our tour guide talks about the local area and the upcoming site. On site, we hike and climb. Pictures are taken and questions are raised. Notes are jotted into the journals. Lunch is either at a taverna, a small restaurant, or on the go. If there is a body of water near, in Greece you are never more than 112 kilometers from the ocean, we stop for a quick swim on the rocky beaches. Afternoons are spent touring sites, reading or exploring. Dinner is at a taverna or at the hotel, and afterward is the Fraternity-specific discussion. Once the discussions are finished the scholars have free time, which is usually spent furthering discussions, reading, reflecting in journals, or exploring their surroundings.

Readings on Greece

Two books were read by the Scholars prior to the 2005 Tragos Quest to Greece:

- *Sailing the Wine Dark Sea: Why the Greeks Matter* by Thomas Cahill
- *The Greek Achievement: the Foundation of the Western World* by Charles Freeman

Should you wish to learn more about the legacy of Ancient Greece and its importance to modern society here are some select readings to provide you with more information: *You Can Realize Your Dream With Help from the Greek Philosophers* by Alkistis Agio; *The Politics* by Aristotle; *The Greek Way* by Edith Hamilton; and *The Republic* by Plato.



2005 Tragos Quest to Greece Undergraduates

Sean M. Anthony,
Dartmouth '06

Joseph M. Baird,
Florida Atlantic '07

Raymond A. Crosby,
Loyola Marymount '06

Aaron Dail, Murray State '05

Steven R. Houchin,
Southern California '06

Myles P. Hungerford,
Maryland '06

Ilya Igonnikov, Colorado '07

Samuel P. Madden,
Vermont '07

Tyler M. McLenon, Baker '06

Matthew R. O'Neill, Drexel '06

Michael J. Powers,
Oregon State '07

Christopher S. Purdum, Wichita
State '07

Ryan M. Pirtle, Iowa State '06

Zachary I. Schwartz,
U. of Chicago '06

Mason Ward,
U. of Cincinnati '05

Day 1 • 6/19

NEW YORK TO ATHENS

Day 2 • 6/20

ARRIVE IN ATHENS

Site visited: National
Archaeological Museum

After leaving the airport we bus into the heart of Athens, home to 4 million residents. It is a sprawling city as no building can be taller than the Parthenon. Once we check into our hotel for the next two nights, we head to the National Archaeological Museum. Thousands of artifacts dating as far back as 4,000 B.C., are displayed here. Some of the highlights include the 30 foot statue of Poseidon, and the cup of Nestor. The cup is one of the earliest artifacts found with writing on it. Its inscription is most likely a part of poetry

from the time of Homer, the first historian. Its collections are representative of all the cultures that flourished in Greece. We spend the evening in the Plaka, a festive marketplace blocks from the hotel.



Built in 460 B.C., the Temple of Hephaistos is the best preserved of the Ancient Greek temples.

Day 3 • 6/21

CAPE SOUNION

Sites visited: Athenian Agora, Temple of Poseidon

Before hiking into the Agora, we visit the site of Pnyx, a hill with an eroded stone platform. It is located in the shadow of the Parthenon, which serves as a majestic backdrop. Visually the Pnyx is unimpressive, yet its significance cannot be overlooked: it is the birthplace of democracy. In the 5th century B.C., it was the meeting place of the Athenian Assembly, the first Democratic legislature in the world.

From the Pnyx we journey to the Agora, or marketplace. It was the heart of ancient Athens, the focus of politics, commerce, religion, judicial system and society. It was here that Socrates engaged with his peers in elenchus, dialogues that formed the basis of philosophy. Plato's Academy, the precursor to the institution of higher learning, was located here. Farther south is Cape Sounion home to the Temples of Poseidon and Athena. After our tour we swim in the Aegean Sea beneath the Temples.

Sound Mind, Sound Body

Day 4 • 6/22

ELEUSIS & CORINTH

Sites visited: Eleusis, Corinth, and the Acrocorinth

Eleusis was home to the cult of Demeter and the site of secret initiations held annually for 2,000 years. The Greater Eleusinian Mysteries were a set of rites, surrounded by a major multi-day festival, which show numerous ties to the tale of Demeter and Persephone told in the Homeric Hymn to Demeter. The Mysteries were held once each year over nine days in the early fall. Here we see the ruins, which include the ruts of massive gates to the Greater Propylea. Beyond these gates only the initiates were allowed to pass.



Aaron Dail, Murray State '05 at the top of Mycenae.

Corinth was first inhabited in the Neolithic period (5,000-3,000 B.C.). Its peak period began in the 8th century B.C., and in 550 B.C., the Temple of Apollo was built.

The fortress known as the Acrocorinth is surrounded by a six mile wall and is home to the Temple of Aphrodite, Greek Goddess of Love. It is a staggering climb up the marble paths. There are three circuit walls reinforced by towers. On the highest of two mountain peaks are traces of the temple of Aphrodite. A church was later built on the spot and subsequently a Turkish mosque.



Scholars stand before the gates to Eleusis.

Day 5 • 6/23

EPIDAUROS & MYCENAE

Sites visited: Epidaurus, Mycenae

Epidaurus was the most celebrated center of healing in the ancient world, the place where the sick went in hopes of being cured. The theatre at Epidaurus is the best preserved specimen and is known for its flawless acoustics. It is used to this day for performances.

Mycenae in the second millennium B.C. Mycenae was one of the major centres of Greek civilization, a military stronghold which dominated much of southern Greece. The period of Greek history from about 1600 B.C. to about 1100 B.C. is called Mycenaean in recognition of Mycenae's leading position. It was the home of legendary King Agamemnon who led the Greeks against the Trojans in Homer's *Iliad*.

Day 6 • 6/24

OLYMPIA

Sites visited: Olympia Museum, Archaeological site of Olympia

Olympia was the sanctuary dedicated to the ruler of all the Greek gods, Zeus. It was here in 776 B.C. that the Peloponnese king, Pelops held the first Olympic games to honor Zeus. The original contest was the stadion, a sprint of more than 200 yards.

Olympia is home to the Temple of Zeus, which contained one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, a 40 foot ivory and gold statue of the Greek God. It was carved by the famous Greek sculptor Phidias circa 435 B.C. The statue was taken to Constantinople in 394 A.D. and was destroyed in an accidental fire.



View of the Athenian marketplace and location where philosophy was created by Socrates.

Day 7 • 6/25

DELPHI

Sites visited: Lower Delphi, Ritual

The site of Delphi was believed by the Greeks to be the Navel of the world. Lower Delphi is the location of the Tholos, built in 380 B.C. Its function remains unknown but it must have been an important building, judging from the multi-colored stone and the high-standard relief decoration. On this evening we initiated **Sam Madden, Vermont '07**, on the hillside of Delphi.



Temple of Apollo, site of the Oracle of Delphi and location of the famous Greek aphorisms "Know Thyself" and "All Things in Moderation."

Day 8 • 6/26

OSIOS LOUKAS

Sites visited: Upper Delphi, Osios Loukas

Upper Delphi is location of the Temple of Apollo, built in the 8th century B.C. Inscribed in gold lettering in the lintel of the temple are the two famous Greek aphorisms: "Know Thyself" and "All Things in Moderation." Inside was the "adyton," the center of the Delphic oracle and seat of the Pythia or prophetess. It was believed that her advice was handed down from the

gods and the Pythia advised Greeks and other cultures, including Egypt. Another important site in Upper Delphi is the stadium, site of the Pythian Games.

Osios Loukas is a tenth century Greek Orthodox monastery. Inside its walls are veneered with marble slabs on the lower section and decorated with mosaics.

Day 9 • 6/27

THERMOPYLAE & ACROPOLIS

Sites visited: Thermopylae, Parthenon

Thermopylae was the site where in 480 B.C., 300 Spartans fought against 150,000 Persians (the largest army in the world at that time) for three days before being annihilated.

The Acropolis hill or the Sacred Rock of Athens is the most important site of the city. The iconic Parthenon and the Temple of Nike along with the Propylaea were erected in 450-330 B.C.

Day 10 • 6/28

ATHENS TO NEW YORK



King Leonidas led the Greek forces in the pivotal Battle of Thermopylae. This monument is located near the battlefield.

Golden Age of Greece

The country of Greece has a history that dates back to 6,000 B.C., but the most influential period is in the fifth century B.C., also known as the Golden Age of Greece. It began when the Greeks, against all odds, defeated the largest army in the world, the Persians in 490 B.C. at the Battle of Marathon and later in 479 B.C. with twin victories at the Battle of Salamis and at Plataea. The previous year was the epic Battle of Thermopylae, where 300 Greeks, mainly Spartans, fended off 150,000 Persians for three days, giving the rest of Greece the opportunity to stage its counteroffensives.

After the Persian Wars the city of Athens was thrust into the center of Greek culture and Greek power. Democracy was borne and practiced on the hill beneath the Parthenon. Philosophy and its questions about the nature of life were posed in the Athenian marketplace by Socrates and his pupil Plato and his pupil Aristotle. These questions led to a dialogue about the fundamental nature of the world as well as the purpose and meaning of life. This dialogue continues to this day.

Breaking News: 2006 Tragos Quest to Greece Scholars Announced

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Pepperdine '07
R. Walker Garrett,
Huntingdon '07
Matthew Goldshore,
Texas '07

Zach A. Meissner,
Washington '08
Paul S. Myoung,
NYU '07
Matthew J. Papa,
South Florida '07
Chris A. Porto,
Virginia Tech '08
Kyle M. Rosendale,
Bucknell '07
Jerdan M. B. Ruff,
North Dakota '07
Michael E. Stachniak,
Valparaiso '07

William Staton,
Washington U.
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Zach N. Supalla,
Dartmouth '07
Kyle C. Watters,
Florida Inter-
national '08
Andrew J.
Westpahl,
California-
Berkeley '08

The SigEp Network—A Listing of Chapters

The following is a list of all 256 chapters in Sigma Phi Epsilon as of February 1, 2006. A directory was published in the pages of every issue of *The Journal* until the late 1960s. It is our intent to publish this directory once a year to keep you connected with your home chapter or the nearest chapter to you. The directory contains the name and email address for the Chapter President, Vice President of Recruitment and Chapter Counselor.

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Balanced Man Scholarship

SHARING CHAPTER'S BEST PRACTICES

The Ideal Balanced Man Scholarship Banquet

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On November 16, 2005, the members of the California Gamma Chapter at the University of California-Santa Barbara, with the help of their Alumni and Volunteer Corporation and the Sigma Phi Epsilon Educational Foundation, held its annual Balanced Man Scholarship awards banquet. In total \$3,000 was awarded to incoming freshmen and SigEps who represented the ideals on which the Balanced Man is based.

Preparation for such an event began long before that November weekend. Over the summer, the Balanced Man Scholarship Committee was busy coordinating efforts among Brothers spread all across California. From applicant meetings in San Francisco to envelope stuffing in San Diego, everything came together in Cal Gamma's hometown of Santa Barbara.

Once school started, the majority of the scholarship interviews were conducted at the chapter house in order to allow them to become acquainted with the Brothers. UCSB is on a quarter system, and the fall quarter begins late in September. The continuous influx of applicants into the chapter house, which occurred just after a strong formal recruitment, helped to keep the buzz about SigEp going on campus. After sorting through hundreds of applications and hours of interviews, 25 semi-finalists were selected to attend the awards banquet.

"The direction in which education starts a man will determine his future life."

— Plato

In years past, a small dinner and award ceremony was held at the chapter house. However, this year Cal Gamma held the event at the luxurious Hotel Mar Monte in downtown Santa Barbara during UCSB Parents' Weekend. In all, over 130 Brothers, finalists, and parents were present and it was standing room only for the ceremony. In addition Past Grand President and Order of the Golden Heart recipient **Bill Tragos, Washington U. in St. Louis '56**, was present for the event.

Speakers at the banquet included Chapter Counselor **Travis Heard, '05**, President **Robert Radford, '06**, Balanced Man Scholarship Director **Timothy Whittler, '06**, and the keynote was given by UCSB Greek Classics Professor Apostolos Athanassakis. He spoke on the mind and body connection, the root of the Balanced Man Ideal, "Realizing the importance of the connection between mind and body is great. We need a vigorous and alert mind to accomplish anything important, but we cannot do this if our body is sick or infirm. The ancient Greeks believed very strongly in the connection of the mind to the body. Their great physicians advocated it. Their athletic games were calculated to emphasize and enhance this connection. They even built temples to the goddess of health. One more thing, they did not admire hugeness in

things. Thus, they never practiced extravagance in eating. Even their idea of a well-developed athletic body systematically avoided athletic models which exhibited exaggerated attributes."

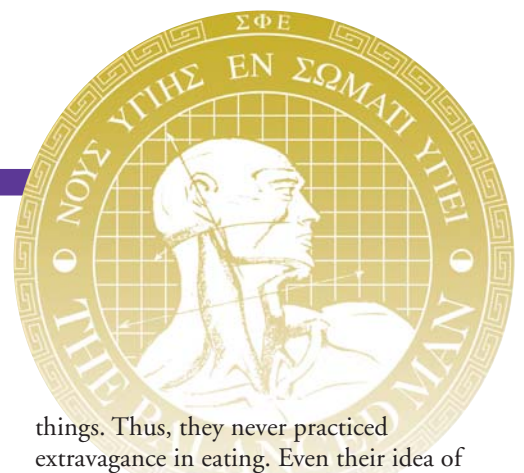
Awards were given to two Brothers and one new member of the chapter. One of the Brothers, **Thomas Bui, '07**, is a Mechanical Engineering major with a 3.41 GPA who is an avid boxer and Risk Management Chair for the Fraternity. The other winner, **Kyle Hillstead, '07**, is a Law and Society Major who is the head of recruitment for UC-Santa Barbara's Inter-Fraternity Council and is Chaplain. Both Brothers received \$500 scholarships to be put toward their tuition. **J. P. Primeau, '09**, SigEp's new member recipient of the scholarship, also received a \$500 scholarship in recognition for best embodying the Sound Mind and Sound Body Ideals Cal Gamma looks for in its recruits.

Recognizing Brothers who live the Balanced Man Ideal helped show the semi-finalists that SigEp not only believes in Sound Mind, Sound Body, SigEp actively pursues it.

All semi-finalists are potential recruits for the spring quarter.



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U. of Washington's Rebirth

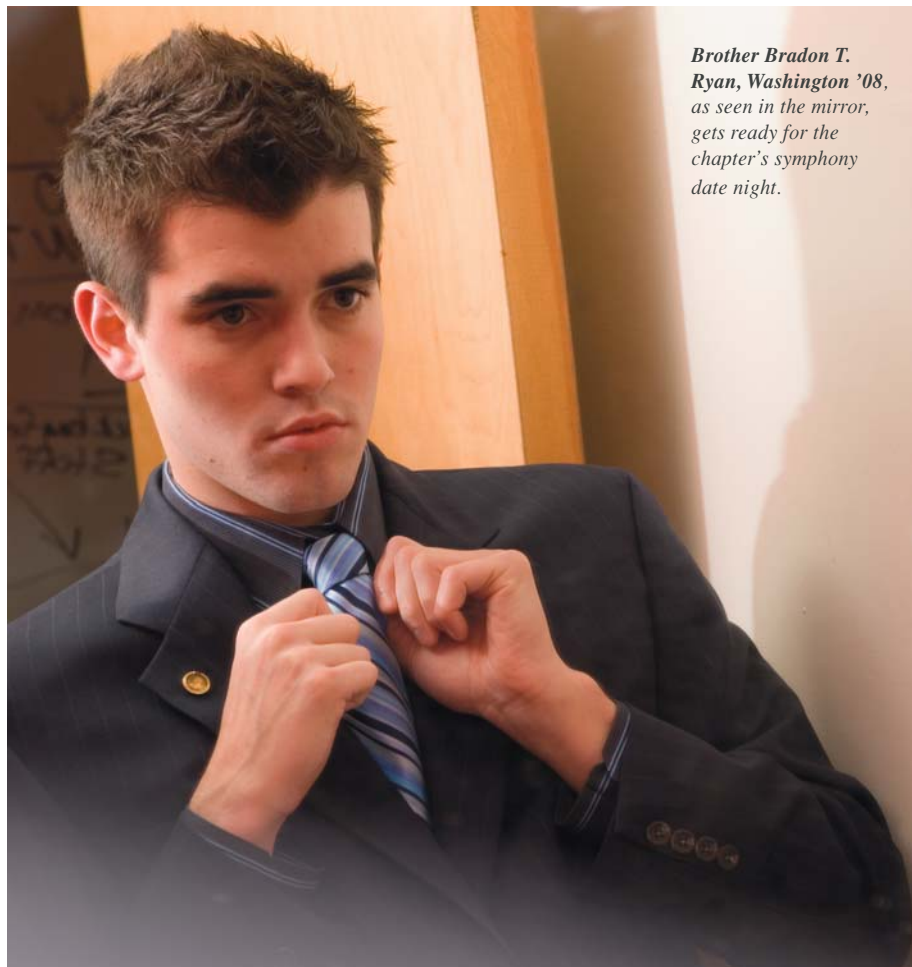
By **E. SCOTT THOMPSON, II**,
Southern Mississippi '99

At the University of Washington, one fraternity was the modern-day Animal House. It had raucous parties every Tuesday and Thursday, litter piled high in the hallways, low grades, fist fights among members, and a university file thick with violations. Sigma Phi Epsilon was defined by its out-of-control lifestyle. That is, until four brothers decided it was time to change. These men were looking for something different from their fraternity experience, something that transcended a social club at which to drink and party. They knew their fraternity experience did not mirror the one envisioned by our Founders in 1901.

In the Summer of 2004, sophomores **Ryan J. Rastetter, '06**; **Kyle A. Jones, '06**; **Neil A. Doherty, '06**; and junior **Adam J. Zitzmann, '05**, took it upon themselves to identify others in the 90-man chapter who felt there was much more to their SigEp experience. They quickly realized many brothers were content with the status quo or too apathetic to care. By the end of that summer, nearly every member resigned or was expelled. When the dust settled, seven men would be left to rebuild the chapter.

To assist in creating this ideal fraternity, these seven men looked to the Balanced Man Ideal as the way to provide the experience their chapter lacked. SigEp began to have Sound Mind and Sound Body programming and used the applicants to its Balanced Man Scholarship as the basis for its potential member list. SigEp presented Sound Mind and Sound Body to the sororities on campus. SigEp was proud to offer a different experience. SigEp began to grow.

Today, the fraternity has 38 members, and the Washington Beta Chapter received national media exposure for its efforts. After the campus newspaper ran a story on the chapter's Sound Mind and Sound Body events, the Seattle Times picked it up and made it its cover story on December 13. The next day, Good Morning America



Brother Bradon T. Ryan, Washington '08, as seen in the mirror, gets ready for the chapter's symphony date night.

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called and wanted to do a show. The next day, the Today Show called. On December 15, SigEp appeared on both shows, prompting a flurry of interest from other local media.

SigEp at the University of Washington is still evolving. Vice President of Recruitment **Emory J. Dean, '07**, has goals of 10 new members during the winter quarter and hopes to have total manpower to 70 by the start of the next school year. Chapter President **Zachary A. Meissner, '08**, plans to focus on increasing manpower, creating an on-line SigEp development program where members will be able to update and view their progress. One thing is certain, the chapter is forging a new path with the Balanced Man Ideal, and if this past year is any indication, Washington Beta will be a source of pride for years to come.



[THE PHOTO] AND THE SEATTLE TIMES

No longer home to bi-weekly blowouts, the Washington Beta chapter house is now conducive to academic excellence.

Time Magazine features Oregon State BMP



Shortly after the Washington Beta Chapter appeared in the *Seattle Times* and on the *Today Show* and *Good Morning America*, the editors of *Time Magazine* contacted the Oregon Alpha Chapter at Oregon State University to report on how that chapter incorporated the Balanced Man Ideal in its programming.

In 2001, the chapter had a culture of excessive partying resulting in more than \$195,000 in fines for individual counts of underage drinking. The chapter's leaders, along with the Alumni and Volunteer Corporation, worked to reverse this negative behavior. A third of the members were either expelled or left the chapter.

In the Fall of 2003, Mike Powers, '07, joined the chapter and was Chapter President from 2004 to 2005. "After the guys who weren't on board with the BMP left, the atmosphere of the chapter dramatically changed. SigEp was much less divided and there was a much larger level of respect for each other. The membership invested more time into doing different activities that the university and community had to offer. We established various programs and events that encouraged our guys to live Sound Mind and Sound Body. As a result, our guys are voluntarily doing a variety of activities. Whether it is a body for life challenge, learning about Indian culture or attending the local museums, the members of the chapter are really getting more out of their college experience than anyone else on campus."

Today the chapter is the second-largest fraternity on campus with 91 men and has the highest GPA with a 3.26. A reporter for *Time Magazine* attended one of the chapter's weekly etiquette dinners and reported in *Time's* February 20th issue, "The rows of scrubbed and pressed young men sit down to eat under the watchful eye of the brother who is acting as manners chair. No swearing is permitted. Napkins on laps are required. Small bites are urged instead of gulps. Scofflaws must do penalty push-ups or pay a fine into the piggy bank in the middle of each table."

You can read the full story by visiting www.time.com/time/archive/preview/0,10987,1158951,00.html.

Lehigh Brother's Gambling Debt A Lesson for Us All

Poker is the most popular card game in the world. Its status has been dramatized in movies such as *Rounders* or on television shows like *Tilt*. ESPN and other networks have televised matches, and reality shows are cashing in with such hits as *Celebrity Poker*. Internet websites offer on-line versions where almost anyone can play, including undergraduates.

Enter **Greg J. Hogan, '08**, a sophomore at Lehigh University. He was President of the sophomore class, a cellist in the university orchestra, and a good student. Well-liked by all, Greg did not exude the profile of someone with a gambling habit. Then again, what does that profile look like? Facts known at press time are: over the past few months Greg Hogan amassed an on-line gambling debt greater than \$5,000, and this debt led him to a desperate act.

On an early December afternoon, he entered a local branch of Wachovia Bank and robbed it. He was not wearing a ski mask and yelling threats. He slipped a note to the teller. His note said that he had a gun. The teller gave him a little more than \$2,500. He then left and quietly got in the car driven by his unsuspecting chapter brothers. They took him to orchestra practice, and he was later apprehended by the authorities in the SigEp house.

These events stunned everyone who knew Greg. Chapter President Tyler Rock wondered what events could lead him to commit armed robbery (in Pennsylvania, a

note claiming to possess a weapon is treated as possessing one). National media picked up the story and ran it. Lehigh University expelled Greg Hogan from school before his criminal trial began. Greg's future is uncertain. His trial has been moved to March.

Throughout this ordeal, the Alumni and Volunteer Corporation worked with Tyler and the rest of the chapter's leadership. They helped create statements for the media. They spoke to the school, and worked to keep the chapter focused on the upcoming spring recruitment period. The chapter wants to address the issue of gambling head-on. SigEp is partnering with Lehigh University to bring a speaker on gambling to campus to educate all on the warning signs of gambling debt and to bring more attention to a growing issue among college students.

Symptoms and Behavior

Gambling is an addiction much like alcohol or other substances. This addiction has warning signs, and we, as brothers in Sigma Phi Epsilon, have an obligation to aid our brothers in need. According to the National Council on Problem Gambling's website (www.ncpgambling.org), two million U.S. adults meet the criteria for pathological gambling and another four to eight million are considered problem gamblers. Some states allow teenagers 18 years or older to gamble, and there are on-line gambling websites that allow it as well.

10 Questions About Gambling Behavior

1. You have often gambled longer than you had planned.
2. You have often gambled until your last dollar was gone.
3. Thoughts of gambling have caused you to lose sleep.
4. You have used your income or savings to gamble while letting bills go unpaid.
5. You have made repeated, unsuccessful attempts to stop gambling.
6. You have broken the law or considered breaking the law to finance your gambling.
7. You have borrowed money to finance your gambling.
8. You have felt depressed or suicidal because of your gambling losses.
9. You have been remorseful after gambling.
10. You have gambled to get money to meet your financial obligations.

If you or someone you know answers "Yes" to any of these questions, consider seeking assistance from a professional regarding this gambling behavior by calling the National Problem Gambling Help Line Network, (800) 522.4700, toll-free and confidential throughout the U.S.

Iowa State's Chapter Home Made Better by U. of Illinois Alumnus

BY CRAIG A. BEAL, '07 AND
DREW W. GARRISON, '08

During the summer of 2005, members of the Iowa Beta Residential Learning Community at Iowa State University completed a partial renovation of the chapter house. This project was organized by **Richard E. McCarthy, Illinois '54**, grandfather to current undergraduate brother **Drew W. Garrison, '08**. He wanted to offer his services as a building maintenance supervisor in order to identify critical needs in the Fraternity house, a fixture on the Iowa State campus since 1929. His contribution resulted from his desire to make a difference for current members of Sigma Phi Epsilon and to spend more time with his grandson.

Brother McCarthy is a real-estate property and maintenance supervisor and has many years of experience; he has acquaintances in the construction business and a wide range of ideas



Iowa Beta chapter house exterior with newly-repaired brick walls, trimmed ivy and a brand-new paint job

for productive and efficient improvements. Rather than engage in a large fund-raising campaign, the work was done with the assistance of volunteers and qualified professionals. This eliminated the cost of labor and allowed the use of donations from a smaller fund-raising drive for the purchasing of materials. The fund-raising resulted in a \$16,000 fund. The Iowa Beta Residential Learning Community will forever be indebted to McCarthy's boss John Pifer, a remarkable man who despite having no affiliation with SigEp, donated \$9,000 to the effort. At Richard's request, many alumni, including National Director **Jeffrey D. Prouty, '78**, donated their time as well as their money in order to begin the project with a two week work session in June and a similar work period in early August.

With Brother McCarthy's active participation and supervision, the alumni, undergraduates and their families began to work on the house's second floor. This floor is the most populated level of the house and



had the most pressing needs. The study rooms were improved by re-carpeting all of the floors, giving all of them a fresh coat of paint, replacing the study desks, and by installing ceiling fans in every room. The floor was also upgraded by retiling the bathroom, re-carpeting the hallways, and through a deep cleaning and reorganization of the cold-air styled sleeping quarters. Other interior improvements included repainting all of the hallways, fixing all study room doorways, adding new rolling mechanisms and screens to the windows, fixing any plumbing and electrical problems, retiling the chapter room, refurnishing the formal living room, and adding antique furniture to the house's foyer to give it more character. Richard also believed in the value of the house's exterior

aesthetics in the creation of a more positive first impression. He improved the facility in this manner by repairing the brick walls in the front and side of the house, trimming the overgrown ivy, and by repainting the window borders white in order to bring out the color of the newly installed black shutters and of course, the red door.

Brother McCarthy is as an ideal representative of what a Sigma Phi Epsilon should be. He is a virtuous man, who through dedication and diligence, gave selflessly to a greater cause by improving the lives of countless current and future members with his actions and words. SigEp at Iowa State will remember him for making our chapter house better one brick, one can of paint, and one extraordinary contribution at a time.



Brothers and alumni work together rennovating the chapter room.

**"Heaven
never helps the
men who will
not act."**

– Sophocles

Hall Wars—Quinnipiac's Newest Recruitment Event

BY ANDREW N. TURCZAK, '07

For one day in September, the men of the Quinnipiac Sigma Epsilon Chapter organized a competition between the residence halls on campus. Over 300 freshmen (males and females) participated to see who would be named the champion. Known as Hall Wars, the idea came from the week-long event hosted by the North Carolina Gamma Chapter at Duke University.

Hall Wars 2005 was a highly effective recruitment tool, Sound Body event, and philanthropic event for the new chapter. Participants, wearing their designated shirts which had Sigma Phi Epsilon on the front, competed in the day's events enjoying fun competitions in kickball, soccer, knockout, volleyball, and the Blow-up-Gladiator.

Hall Wars produced a potential member list of 500 names for the chapter to recruit throughout the fall semester. Another benefit of Hall Wars is the connections SigEp made with other organizations. The event was highly publicized in the university's newspaper, and the Student Programming Board donated \$1,000. A strong relationship between Residential Life and the Residence Hall Council has been formed, an important relationship in Greek life.

Besides the day's athletic competitions, there was a catered barbeque and a raffle, the proceeds of which were donated to the American Cancer Society. A local radio station broadcast live from campus during the barbeque, and afterward local bands gave a free concert for the crowd. By the championship round, there were over 200 fans cheering their respective residence hall all the way to the finish line. At the end of the day, Hall Wars raised more than \$3,000 for the American Cancer Society. Hall Wars 2006 is already in the making.

UCLA Unexpectedly Unhoused; Still Largest Fraternity on Campus

BY DAVID GRAHAM-CASO, California-Los Angeles '06

The night before the first chapter meeting of the winter quarter 2005 was an unusually soggy night in Los Angeles. The brothers of the California Omicron Chapter at the University of California-Los Angeles were dispersed throughout their large front-row house, located at 611 Gayley Avenue. It was a typical night until a loud, cracking noise was heard over the beads of rain pounding on the roof. The cracking was soon accompanied by a whoosh and then a thundering bang. A 150-foot eucalyptus tree, which, moments ago, had sat atop a hill on the back boundary of the yard, was now on top of the house. The tree, which was uprooted when the heavy rain eroded the hillside, had demolished the roof over the third floor balcony and possibly damaged the roof above the chapter room as well. The chapter was leasing its property from the alumni corporation of another fraternity, Zeta Psi.

As the large tree was uprooted during the storm, it damaged more than the SigEp house used to cushion its fall. The roots of the tree seriously undermined the foundation of the former Lambda Chi Alpha chapter house, which sat atop the hill overlooking the SigEp chapter house. In order to prevent the Lambda Chi Alpha house from sliding down the hill during another heavy rainstorm, a retaining wall had to be put in. In order to install this retaining wall, contractors were going to have to drill 23 feet into the ground. The SigEp chapter house was old and probably already condemnable. Now that a crane had to be brought in to build this retaining wall, it made sense to tear the building down. The Zeta Psi alumni made the decision not to extend SigEp's lease and to turn 611 Gayley into rubble.

The real estate market in Westwood Village made looking for a new house about as difficult as it could possibly be. There were very few

fraternity houses vacant and even fewer apartment buildings with enough vacancies to serve as suitable houses for a fraternity the size of SigEp. Every vacant house either had tenants already moving in, or was simply not willing to sell or lease to a fraternity.

Without the diligent work of California Omicron's Alumni and Volunteer Corporation President **Justin Schunelle, '91**, and board member **Chris Fidyk, Columbia '02**, it is very likely there would have been homeless SigEps on campus in 2005-2006. Brother Schunelle, with the help of some of the current Executive Board members, was able to open a dialogue with the manager of an apartment building in Westwood. SigEp was able to reserve a handful of studio apartments in an apartment complex off the Greek row, ensuring at least 17 brothers could live in the same complex. While a significant step down from the 42-brother capacity of 611 Gayley, the fact that some SigEps could live together in apartments was a consolation. So began the 2005-2006 school year for SigEp at UCLA.

While the future is uncertain, SigEp is committed to carrying on as normally as possible. At the beginning of the year, SigEp was the largest chapter at UCLA, with 75 members. The chapter holds meetings wherever it can, either on campus, in brothers' large apartments or in Westwood restaurant's banquet halls. Athletics and academics remain in the spotlight, and Brother **Chris Hatfield, '06**, currently sits as IFC President. California Omicron remains devoted to perpetuating the virtues instilled in the cardinal principles. It has been made clear that the chapter is more than the four walls of a fraternity house; it is an institution sustained by the brothers that pass through it. It will continue to do so for years to come.

Vermont's Sound Body Saturday

BY SAM MADDEN, '07

"Take one year off of recruitment, and see what happens. Take two years off, and get ready to send your charter back to Richmond." I had heard this at a recruitment workshop during the 2005 Grand Chapter Conclave, and it continued to ring in my head as I sat in the Nashville airport waiting for my flight home.

I am the Vice President of Recruitment at the Vermont Gamma Chapter at the University of Vermont, a university where only eight percent of the student body belong to a fraternity or sorority. Last year, Vermont Gamma suffered a devastating lapse in recruitment, bringing in only seven new members in two semesters. We felt the effect in every aspect of chapter performance. After Conclave and my experiencing on the life-changing *Tragos Quest to Greece* earlier

in the summer, I was confident and excited to return to campus and immediately show the campus that SigEp was different. I sat in that airport and drew up blueprints for what would prove to be one of the most successful on-campus Greek events in years.

Sound Body Saturday was held outside a large residence hall, inhabited predominantly by first-year students, on the first weekend of the school year. Modeled somewhat after Duke's infamous "Dorm Wars," Sound Body Saturday featured a five-on-five flag football tournament, bench press competition, 3K run, inflatable joust, free food, music, and tables of free materials from the health center. In the preceding week, the event was advertised, and registration for the athletic events was made possible through our chapter web site. Prizes were awarded, and the proceeds from the event (a registration fee was requested from everyone)

went to benefit the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Sound Body Saturday was very successful. It exposed new students to SigEp, promoted the message that they should live a healthy college life, and all the while raised money for hurricane victims. It also proved to be a great way to kick off the year for the chapter.

As for recruitment, the event added 300 names to our potential new members list, and, with our academic recruitment standard of a 3.0 GPA, we recruited 21 phenomenal new members. This proved to be the highest recruitment of any fraternity at the University of Vermont in at least a decade, and we have no doubt that Sound Body Saturday contributed to our great success. We have decided to make the event a Vermont Gamma tradition, and look forward to building upon the tradition for years to come.

Hurricanes Katrina and Rita Devastates; Chapters Provide Aid

In August of 2005, the greatest natural disaster in U.S. history happened along the Gulf Coast. Thousands of alumni and undergraduates were impacted; their world was turned upside down. Tulane University and Loyola University, both located in New Orleans, Louisiana, were forced to close for the semester, displacing 130 undergraduate SigEps. Homes were lost, small towns, such as Waveland, Mississippi, were erased from the landscape. Then, soon after Hurricane Katrina, it happened all over again. This time it was eastern Texas.

Even today, life is far from normal for our displaced brothers and their families, but one thing remains constant—the support and love of fraternity brothers. In times of need, SigEp is quick to respond. Donations were made. Alumni and undergraduate brothers volunteered to aid the victims of Hurricane Katrina. Undergraduates and alumni from across the nation volunteered to aid in the relief efforts. What follows are several stories that reached Headquarters about undergraduates. In the next issue of *The Journal* look for stories impacting alumni.



St. John M. O'Neil-Dunne, Tulane '05 helped evacuate close to 3,000 people to the Superdome in New Orleans.

Tulane's EMS

St. John (pronounced sin-gen) **M. O'Neil-Dunne, '05**, a recent graduate from Tulane University, did not envision working for the emergency medical services (EMS) in the city of New Orleans for more than a few short months. During that time, he would be in the midst of the evacuation of thousands of people from the Superdome and Convention Center, an experience he will take with him for the rest of his life.

His unit reported on Sunday, August 21, to begin its shift. In the early morning hours of August 22, when Hurricane Katrina made land-fall, Brother O'Neil-Dunne was hunkered down on the third floor of the J.W. Marriott Hotel. That afternoon he was out patrolling the streets of the city evacuating citizens to the Superdome. It was from the interstate that he saw

the on and off ramps used as boat launches. For the next few nights, he stayed in the Superdome to help the understaffed medical teams. He eventually left and regrouped on the city's west bank. The mission for him and other EMS workers was clear: evacuate people from the Convention Center. On September 3, Brother O'Neil-Dunne helped evacuate close to 3,000 people.

September 20 was his last day working for EMS, and he moved to Los Angeles where he is an assistant talent agent for United Talent Agency. For St. John, the experience was rewarding and his sense of compassion for his fellow citizens is paramount. "It was my way of giving back," he said. "Out of all the people I helped evacuate, I know that I made someone's life better by getting them out of that environment."



(L) Brother Matthew Giglia, '08, volunteering at LSU's Pete Maravich Assembly Center.

LSU Chapter to the Rescue

For days and weeks after the storm's arrival, Louisiana State University was in desperate need of student volunteers. It was then that the University's administration looked to the brothers of Sigma Phi Epsilon. Student Body President **Brad Golson, '05**, and **Scott M. Hannaman, '07**, met with the Chancellor and formed a committee to organize volunteers at the field house. Six of the 16-member organization committee were SigEps.

Brother Hannaman said he and other chapter members worked four to five days straight up to 10 hours per day. "It was a wake-up call, recognizing the incredible needs from this hurricane," he said. "It was good to see so many brothers taking it so seriously and being able to work with people I could trust."

A large majority of the chapter contributed to the volunteer effort in some way, including Brother **Matthew Giglia, '08**. "The storm really hit close to home because every person you talked to had a different story, and they just wanted to talk to someone, to

"It was good to see so many brothers taking it so seriously and being able to work with people I could trust."

– **Scott M. Hannaman, LSU '07**



Damage to the chapter house at Lamar University.

tell someone about their experience," Giglia said.

Brother

Giglia worked at the Pete Maravich Assembly Center, which was converted into the largest acute care field hospital in United States history. More than 6,000 patients were treated at the facility. While there, he took patients' vital signs and assigned which section of the hospital they would be treated in.

When Mayor Calls, U. of Houston Answers

When the Astrodome filled up with New Orleans evacuees, the mayor of Houston opened up additional facilities at Reliant Arena. He called for volunteers to help set up shelters for an additional (and unexpected) 42 bus loads of people. This call for volunteers happened at 12:30 in the morning on September 1, and responding to it was the Texas Delta Chapter at the University of Houston. Brothers worked throughout the night and assembled cots, tables, medical areas, and food and beverage stations for over 3,000 victims.

Lamar's Battle with Rita

On September 24, 2005, Hurricane Rita hammered Lamar University with 150 mph winds. Chapter President **Nicholas "Niq" Hunter, '07**, was one of the few students who stayed behind, and when he returned to the chapter house, he found it battered, but still salvageable. New roofing was needed; three bedrooms and one meeting room were ruined by flooding. Trees were uprooted in the yard. Damage to the chapter house totaled more than \$35,000. For a solid month the school was closed, and the brothers of the Texas Epsilon Chapter began restoring the chapter house.

Throughout the disruption, the chapter performed better than it had in previous years. The GPA for the fall term was a 3.02, the highest it had been in the past five years. The chapter recruited more men than any other fraternity on campus, and SigEp ranked number one in intramural competitions. The chapter also hosted several philanthropic events for the Alzheimer Association, Girl's Haven, and the Best Year's Center. Brother Hunter attributes this to the chapter's determination to overcome adversity. "We could have used Hurricane Rita as an excuse, but we came together as brothers and did what we had to do to continue our pursuit towards excellence," he said.

Texas Tech SigEps Played High School Football Under ‘Friday Night Lights’

By E. SCOTT THOMPSON, II,
Southern Mississippi '99

John Fuller, '89, and Paul Porter, '90, grew up in the west Texas town of Permian and played football for the most successful high school football program in the country. The same program chronicled by H. G. Bissinger in the book *Friday Night Lights*. They played for the Permian Panthers at Permian High School.

They were coached under John Wilkins, the coach preceding Gary Gaines who is the coach chronicled in the book. One important point of *Friday Night Lights*, that John and Paul both echo, is that Permian football players were not overly gifted athletes. Most did not play football in college and of those who did, very few played professionally. The average weight on the team was around 180 lbs. and yet they were so well coached, they bested teams with more size and talent. How? “Our coaches would show us on tape how the smallest details in the opponents performance exposed their weaknesses. If we concentrated on our execution, we could beat them. Conversely, when we played less talented teams, the coaches would have us

convinced they would beat us if we made the slightest error. At the end of the week, no matter what team we faced, the result was the same—we were confident that if we executed well, we would be victorious. We knew exactly what we had to do to beat them,” John said.

Pressure to Perform

In addition to the coaching, the pressure placed on the players, both by themselves and by the town, was immense. “It was easily the most pressure I had ever experienced. We had to win,” Paul said. He related a story where he split his middle finger in the helmet of another player during practice. His first thoughts were not how he would be able to use his other hand to write. It wasn't even about how bad the injury might be. His first thought was would this injury prevent him from playing in the game? “There was always someone waiting to take your spot on the team. We all were willing to overcome any obstacle, including injury, to get playing time.”

Describing their experiences as football players at Permian, John explained how everything was regimented, even down to who broke the banner before each game. “I broke the banner before the first game of the season, and we won that game. From that game forward I broke the banner,” he said. “That was our way; if it works, keep doing it.”

State Champions

In 1984, John's senior year and Paul's junior year, they won the state championship against Beaumont French. It was a story they both enjoyed telling during the time I spent with them in Odessa. And yes, John broke the banner before that game. At one point, we stood in front of



John's letterman jacket with the state championship rings and medals.

the famous sign by the practice fields, the one listing the years Permian won its district, its regionals, and its state championships. John half-jokingly, half-scornfully reminded Paul that 1985 wasn't listed on the top with the other state championships. Paul's only loss as a Panther came in the state championship game in 1985. (The 1985 Houston Yates team was listed as one of the greatest high school teams in the history of Texas high school football—according to *Dave Campbell's Texas Football*—2005 issue.)

After high school, the two Panthers would venture to Lubbock, Texas, home to Texas Tech University. John was the first to join the Texas Iota Chapter and, to hear him tell the story, had to lobby for the chapter to recruit Paul. They both told tales of the chapter building a house that would “eclipse the sun!” These were the words of then-Chapter President



L-R: Brothers Fuller and Porter.

Andy Fickman, Texas Tech '88.

Today Paul is the Chapter Counselor and helped negotiate a deal to move the chapter into a new lodge on campus.

John Fuller lives in Odessa, Texas, and works as a call manager for Televista, Inc. He and his wife Wendy have three children. Paul and his wife, Dolle, live in Midland, Texas, and Paul works for Oxy Permian as a Facility Engineer for the Frontier Reservoir Management Team. His area of responsibility includes southeast New Mexico. His son is actively involved in soccer and, yes, football. I asked Paul if his son, Sean, would then play football at bitter rival Midland Lee. He looked at me and said, "We won't talk about that one."

Baylor Alumnus President of Fort Worth Flyers

BY JAY LANGHAMMER

Serving as President of the Fort Worth Flyers is Todd Speer, **Baylor '93**. The Flyers are in the National Basketball Association Developmental League and are directly affiliated with four NBA clubs, including the Dallas Mavericks and Los Angeles Lakers. An experienced sports marketing executive, he previously served as president and CEO of Speerhead Event Consulting, Inc., was a programming executive with Primedia Productions, and spent five years with 141 Worldwide. Much of his time was spent in PGA Tour event management and production in Hawaii and California.

In assessing the Flyers' first season, Todd said, "We really don't know what to expect coming into the season, but it is safe to say that the city of Fort Worth has really taken to our team and is enjoying what they are seeing on the floor. I would love to see

some SigEp chapters and alumni groups alike at a few games this year. The red door is always open." The Flyers play at the Fort Worth Convention Center and had posted a good 16-11 record at the end of January.

Alumni in the NFL

Playing his ninth pro season was Cleveland Browns punter Kyle Richardson, **Arkansas State '96**, who averaged 40.8 on 78 punts, with 22 downed inside the 20 yard line. After missing his first two pro seasons with injuries, tight end Trent Smith, **Oklahoma '03**, debuted with the San Francisco 49ers and will play with an NFL Europe team this spring. Quarterback Nate Hybl, **Oklahoma '03**, spent the last part of the season on the Jacksonville Jaguars' practice squad. George Catavolos, **Purdue '68**, completed his 21st season as an NFL assistant coach. He was defensive backs coach with the Detroit Lions last fall and, in late January, joined the Buffalo Bills coaching staff.

Texas' Cone Releases CD Project to Benefit Breast Cancer Foundation

Country artist and Brother **King Cone, Texas '03**, who performed live during the Balanced Man Celebration at the 2003 Grand Chapter Conclave recently finished a five-song CD project to benefit the Making Memories Breast Cancer Foundation. The foundation grants wishes to those suffering from breast cancer and plans to use the CD to familiarize the public with the obstacles facing terminally diagnosed patients. The foundation also aims to raise additional funds by selling the CD at their events across the country.

Breast cancer is an issue that hits home for Brother Cone.

"It is something that has affected my immediate family, and I can relate to the anguish the patients' relatives are going through."

He used personal accounts from those who have struggled with breast cancer to write the songs for the project.

Fran Hansen and Anna Nelson founded the Making Memories Breast Cancer Organization in 1998 to financially support those diagnosed with terminal breast cancer.

Recently, Cone played for the annual Relay for Life event in his hometown of Decatur, Texas.

King Cone's CD, "Memories," is available for purchase at www.cd-tex.com and www.kingcone.com. All proceeds go to help the foundation grant wishes for terminal breast cancer patients. More information and a schedule of events can be found on their web site, www.makingmemories.org.



King Cone in the studio recording his new CD, "Memories"

Myers and Lawson Establish a New School at Virginia Tech

A Ross Myers, '72, and John R. Lawson, II, '75, met over 30 years ago as undergraduates and brothers of the Virginia Kappa Chapter at Virginia Tech. Today they will equally share a \$10 million pledge to start the proposed Myers-Lawson School of Construction.

Brother Myers, awarded a bachelor's degree in civil engineering in 1972, and Brother Lawson, who earned a geophysics degree in 1975, are the chief executive officers (CEOs) of two major construction companies. Myers is CEO of American Infrastructure, headquartered in Worcester, Pennsylvania, and Lawson is president and CEO of W. M. Jordan Co., with offices in Newport News, Virginia, and in Richmond, Virginia.

"My investment in Virginia Tech's Myers-Lawson School of Construction will provide the industry, including companies like mine, with much needed, well-prepared, high content human capital. Beyond that, I believe the school will elevate the learning process to produce leaders prepared to elevate an industry," Myers said.

Lawson concurred, saying, "Virginia Tech has always had good building construction and civil engineering programs, but we have a chance to be the best. There are never enough graduating seniors to fulfill the industry's demand. We have a chance to double the output while adding many additional programs and features, including possibly some that are unique to construction. I have personally benefited from my school and my industry. I have an obligation to give back."



(L-R): Brothers Myers and Lawson at the press conference announcing the establishment of the School of Construction at Virginia Tech.

The proposed school of construction will provide undergraduates and graduates more choices for pursuing construction education. It is anticipated that an accredited undergraduate degree in construction engineering and management will be created to complement the existing degree program in building construction and civil and environmental engineering. The school will work with faculty from multiple departments to provide students with additional opportunities to pursue concentrations, minors, or support courses related to construction. The proposed school will be housed in a new facility, Bishop/Favro Hall and will open in the fall of 2007.

Committee on Volunteers Created

At the November 5, 2005, meeting of the National Board of Directors, a standing committee on volunteers was created to develop programs to identify, recruit, train, and retain volunteers for local chapters to ensure undergraduate progress on GPA, manpower (recruitment and retention), housing, and member development.

Grand President **Archer L. Yeatts, III, U. of Richmond '64**, has appointed to the committee:

- **Phillip A. Cox, Indiana '84**, National Director and Volunteer Committee Chairman;
- **John Abraham, U. of Cincinnati '77**, Alumni and Volunteer Corporation President for the Ohio Theta Residential Learning Community at the University of Cincinnati;
- Karen Katz, Chapter Counselor for the Florida Nu Chapter at Florida International University;
- **Christopher T. Minnis, Truman State '00**, Director of Operations and staff liaison to the Volunteer Committee;
- **Stephen J. Taylor, Tennessee Wesleyan '76**, Former District Governor;
- **Michael C. Williams, Memphis '69**, Past Grand President and Order of the Golden Heart recipient;
- **Stephen L. Young, Kansas '80**, District Governor;

The committee will report on its work at the May, 2006, meeting of the National Board of Directors. Grand President Yeatts expresses his appreciation to the alumni who responded to the survey concerning volunteers.

“Shelf Life” by A.J. Scribante

BY CHARLES N. WHITE, JR.,
Western Michigan '62

This is a very readable book about an entrepreneur at a time before entrepreneurship was not as much in vogue as it is today.

The subtitle, “How an Unlikely Entrepreneur Turned \$500 into \$65 million in the Grocery Industry” frames the story of Brother Scribante’s life, beginning in Osage City, Kansas, in the early 1930s, to Kansas State University and then a series of business ventures that culminated with MAJERS, a company that became his passion.

Following high school and a one-year stint at Kansas State University that was less than spectacular, A.J. decided to enlist in the Navy and spent a four-year tour of duty, including service supporting the Inchon invasion in Korea.

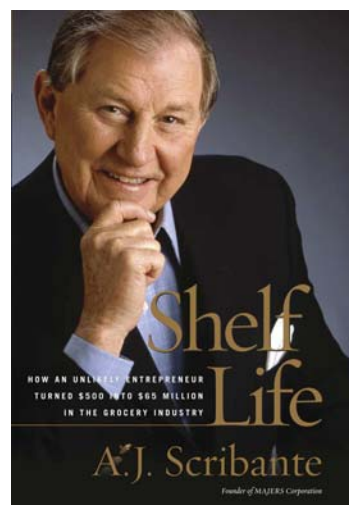
For SigEps, the most compelling revelation in the book is Brother Scribante’s return to Kansas State in 1952, his purchase of a low-mileage two-door Ford that gave him freedom and the chance to have a date without first having

to borrow a car or work out a double date. This put him on par with some of his wealthier friends in college.

But...what changed his life was not the car but his decision to pledge Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity during his second year back on campus. A.J. testifies that with patience and kindness, *“Housemother Erickson taught me everything from how to eat slowly to how to speak properly and made sure I was a well-mannered proper man, ready to go out and stock the shelves of my chosen occupation.”*

Following college, A.J. went to work for Union Carbide as a sales representative soon realizing that was not his life’s work and began exploring more challenging ventures.

The book entertains you with stories of several businesses A.J. created after leaving Union Carbide, including manufacturing lemon sour mix, freezing ice cream, and manufacturing a new bleach product, Brit*Eyes. The real story is told after he parted ways with his bleach partners and created MAJERS, a company that provided a weekly market



survey of supermarket ads. MAJERS would become A.J.’s life passion from 1963 until he sold the company to Dunn & Bradstreet in 1986 for \$65 million.

The lessons Brother Scribante learned along the road to his success provide a real insight into his path to greatness and are an instructive reading for all would-be entrepreneurs and businessmen. “Shelf Life” is an interesting, well-written book. I recommend it highly.

Foundation Officers and Trustees

The Sigma Phi Epsilon Educational Foundation has elected officers and Trustees for 2006.

The Board of Trustees will be led by Foundation President **Garry C. Kief, Southern California '70**; Vice President **Donald W. Hudler, Ohio Wesleyan '56**; Treasurer **James L. Clayton, Tennessee '57**; and Secretary **Jay K. Harness, M.D., Arizona '65**; and **Douglas D. Scheibe, Kansas State '87**, the Foundation’s Executive Director.

Two new trustees were elected to six-year terms.

Scott H. Bice, Southern California '65. Brother Bice, a recipient of the Sigma Phi Epsilon



Brother Bice

Citation for career distinction is currently the Robert C. Packard Professor of Law at the University of Southern California. From 1980 to 2000 he was the Dean of the Law School at USC. He lives with his wife Barbara in Pasadena, California.

Mark W. Davis, Nebraska '90.

Brother Davis is the owner of several businesses under the Davis Family Enterprises umbrella. In the 15 years



Brother Davis

since graduation and joining the Sigma Phi Epsilon staff, Mark has an exceptional record of success in private business. He lives with his wife Darcy and three children in Birmingham, Michigan.

Brothers Bice and Davis join continuing Trustees **Scott A. Baxter, Buffalo State '84**; **W. H. Clark, North Carolina State '56**; **Wallace C. Doud, Wisconsin '48**; **A. Jay Hurt, Davidson '88**; **Harold A. Poling, Monmouth '49**; **A.J. Scribante, Kansas State '56**; **Bobby S. Schackouls, Mississippi State '72**; and **William G. Tragos, Washington U. in St. Louis '56**.

In August new Life Trustees were elected: **Thomas O. Hicks, Texas '68**; **B.M. Rankin, Jr., Texas '50**; **William A. Schreyer, Penn State '48**; **Robert C. Stempel, Worcester Polytechnic Institute '55**; and **Charles N. White, Jr., Western Michigan '62**. They join **William H. Sippel, Jr., Penn State '49**; **Dr. R. Eric Weise, U. of Cincinnati '54**; **Jack D. Wheeler, North Texas '61**; and **Dr. G. Duncan Wimpers, Jr., Oregon '46**, as Life Trustees.

Influencing Your World

Each of us is influenced by many factors:

Our *family*,
our *community*,
our *faith*,
our *friends*,
our *associates*,
our *career*,
our *alma mater*,
our *Fraternity*.

The impact of these factors on our lives is one dimension. Another dimension is how we, as a factor in the lives of others, have an impact on them.

Personal development, lofty personal goals, understanding how to work with others, sharing responsibility and taking responsibility are just some of the things a SigEp undergraduate learns while participating in chapter life.

In addition to chapter life, the Sigma Phi Epsilon Educational Foundation brings a broad perspective by providing the leadership continuum. The new member EDGE experience, the Carlson Leadership Academies, Conclave leadership programs, the Ruck Leadership Institute and the Tragos Quest to Greece



New members participate in an EDGE teambuilding activity. EDGE provides an opportunity for new Brothers to learn about what it means to be a SigEp

provide a major impact on the lives of SigEp undergraduates who participate.

Many who have participated say these programs were a life changing experience.

Today, SigEp undergraduates value their Fraternity as a major influence in their personal development.

As you evaluate the impact you have on the lives of others, of those for whom you can be an influencing factor, consider how financial support of your Sigma Phi Epsilon Educational Foundation plays a major role in its ability to provide this important perspective for our SigEp undergraduates.

Your gift to the Sigma Phi Epsilon Educational Foundation is a big part of “The World” in which our young Brothers thrive. As you take a look at your world, consider the relative impact of your gift to Sigma Phi Epsilon. It has a big impact in the World of SigEp. Probably a much bigger impact than in most other opportunities you have for your charitable gift.

And when you make a gift to the Sigma Phi Epsilon Educational Foundation you will know that more than 13,000 SigEp undergraduates will say “Thank You.”

**Your support of
the Leadership
Continuum
provides a major
impact on the
lives of SigEp
undergraduates
who participate.**

Resource Development Announcement

Beginning in January, Director of Resource Development **Ryan P. Jacobsen, U. of San Diego '00**, moves over to the Sigma Phi Epsilon Educational Foundation, continuing to direct the Alumni Communications and Housing Fund-raising Program. Brother Jacobsen is charged with setting a plan for the next generation of the program and coordinating that with strategic plans of the Sigma Phi Epsilon Educational Foundation, Fraternity and National Housing Corporation.

In his five years on the Fraternity's staff, Brother Jacobsen was a Regional Director and Director of New Chapter Development before serving as Director of Resource Development. The Alumni Communications and Housing Fund-raising Program was developed with the National Housing Corporation to identify future housing and coordinate a communications program to build the basis to launch major chapter housing fund-raising efforts. Brother Jacobsen is currently coordinating 14 active housing campaigns with 15 more chapters in the communications program.

Transition and Contribution

The infamous comedian George Carlin used to joke that we begin and end our lives being concerned about basic things like our diapers. Hopefully, somewhere in the middle of that journey we notice that a great big world exists out there...somewhere.

For many of us, learning about that world started once we left home and realized that being High School Student Body President or Star Quarterback were no longer the keys to the kingdom. All of a sudden we were dropped in the middle of a major university...different thoughts, different people, different goals. For many of us, our fraternity gave us the encouragement to explore all those differences, and the foundation to stay grounded.

It still does.

Through the Leadership Continuum



and Balanced Man programming, your Fraternity guides, develops, motivates, and educates young men as they expand their horizons to the world around them and the world they will lead.

And they do.

Each day I receive emails from SigEps all over the world.

They're in places and jobs I never even dreamed of. And all of them attribute their adventures to the eye-opening discoveries they experienced as SigEps.

Funding that undergraduate development is just one of your Foundation's goals.

Because of you, and the funds that you contribute, we are also able to assist in the transition from...

Undergraduate to alumni volunteer
Volunteer to Mentor

And...Mentor to Donor.

But there is one more transition that is on our radar.

This year, after countless years of unparalleled commitment to and concern for his Fraternity, Chuck White will retire as President of the Sigma Phi Epsilon Educational Foundation. As many of you know, Chuck's Foundation tenure started after he had already devoted a lifetime as Executive Director of the Fraternity. And knowing Chuck, you won't be surprised to know that he has agreed to continue on as a volunteer Life Trustee.

Doug Scheibe has been recruited as the new Executive Director to manage the Foundation. With extensive experience on SigEp Staff, as a local volunteer and mentor, a Foundation donor, and as a senior professional with GE...Doug was hard to find but easy to convince.



*Executive Director
Doug Scheibe*

Like you, he shares a vision for SigEp that will lead us into our second century. He shares a passion for our cardinal principles and the strong foundation they provide our young leaders as they transition through life.

And like you, he contributes to the Foundation.

I hope you join with me in honoring Chuck's legacy...and in welcoming Doug.

It's a whole new world, and we look forward to more successful transitions for all of us.

Garry C. Kief,

*President,
Sigma Phi Epsilon Educational Foundation*

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A lifetime experience in leadership development reaching thousands of undergraduates annually.

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Grand Chapter Conclave | The ultimate SigEp experience. 1,300 SigEps joined in concert. Celebrating the Balanced Man. Celebrating SigEp.

Carlson Leadership Academies | Eager brothers. Dedicated volunteers. Building a better chapter. Building a better SigEp.

EDGE | New friends. New environment. Timeless values. Understanding yourself. Understanding SigEp.



Building Balanced Leaders for the World's Communities

The following is a listing of SigEps who have passed away in recent months. It is our chance to remember those brothers who, through their death, have reminded us that life is transitory.

Our lives contain opportunities to grow and better ourselves and those around us. As SigEps, we are called to make the most of these precious moments; for, once gone, their opportunities are beyond recall.

In the ceremony installing new officers, it says, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things: I shall make you a ruler over many things."

Alumni

R. Charles Backus,
Syracuse '45

Richard C. Blank,
Indiana Tech '64*

Max H. Burns,
Westminster '56

Lawrence A. Botkin,
Missouri-Rolla '48

Jared Cheek,
Baker '04

Thomas J. Clark,
North Carolina State '47

William H. Clayton,
Bucknell '49

Paul Conroy,
Oregon '35

Gib Dawson,
Texas '53

Thomas R. Dorough, Sr.,
U. of Detroit '57

William F. Douth,
Penn State '52

Mark E. Fortier,
Oregon State '76

John A. Guttery,
Fort Hays State '70

Rich Hill,
Northern Colorado '63

Robert P. Hogan,
Pittsburgh '52

Randy Huba,
Georgia Tech '04

John W. Klindworth,
Thiel '85

Craig A. Kress,
Iowa '64

Ludwig C. Kummer,
Southern Methodist '86

Eric J. Layer,
Elon '75

James Loughlin,
Illinois State '91

James L. Love, Jr.,
Florida '34

Joseph A. Pope,
Texas Tech '77

Harry S. Psemeneke,
Tennessee Tech '71

Laurie D. Ramsay,
Colorado State '51

Michael Reifeiss,
Illinois State '74

Edward T. Riling,
Baker '35

"It is not
living that is
important,
but living
rightly."

—Socrates

Eugene C. Riling,
Kansas '54

Robert L. Smoke,
Auburn '61

Paul W. Tourigny,
Norwich '53

Jack A. Venen,
Ohio Northern '60

William W. Wood,
Florida State '84

Undergraduates

John Kostic,
Rider '07

*Brother Blank was a founding member of the Indiana Eta Chapter at Indiana Institute of Technology.

SigEps in Active Duty

Stories continue to reach Richmond of SigEps currently serving our country or recently finishing their tour of duty. Here is a brief listing of brothers, including, in bold print, one who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Ross Altenburger,
Toledo '06

Gregory Hahn,
West Chester '01

Matthew Hakola,
Radford '94

Edward F. Jones,
Buffalo State '96

Jeremy McGhee,
West Virginia '06

Robert E. Oldani,
Michigan '80

Jon Rourk,
Northern Kentucky '07

Mark A. Valeri,
West Virginia Tech '83

Matthew Webber,
Western Michigan '05

William W. Wood,
Florida State '84



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Ole Mizzou Announces Its \$1.25 Million Campaign

The Missouri Alpha Chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon has been a staple on the University of Missouri campus for more than 90 years. We have seen more than 1,600 men become a part of our storied Brotherhood; men who have distinguished themselves as Balanced Men, in both the business world and in their communities. Missouri Alpha has also played a vital role in the direction of the National Fraternity, as three Brothers have served as SigEp Grand President, **Paul Koontz, '16**; **John W. Hartman, '61**; and **Dennis W. Bond, '67**.

While the Sigma Phi Epsilon experience is certainly more than the bricks and mortar of a single building, the chapter house plays a significant role in ensuring the academic success of our members and assisting the Fraternity in recruiting and retaining quality men.

A dedicated group of alumni, led by **J. Brendon Gallagher, '88**; **R. Wally Council, '88**; **John W. Hartman, '61**; and **Bruce R. Plankinton, '64**, developed a plan to upgrade the life-safety features and the educational and technological infrastructure of the chapter house to strengthen the Missouri Alpha chapter experience. With the assistance of Pennington & Company, the recognized leader in fraternity fundraising, this plan has been successfully implemented as *The Cornerstone Campaign*.

The Cornerstone Campaign was initiated to not only remember the chapter's past, but to ensure future generations of SigEps have the opportunities to add to the chapter's storied history. In just one year's time, the chapter has already raised more than **\$920,000** thanks to the time and financial commitments of the chapters' alumni.

The renovated Fraternity house will provide our undergraduate Brothers with a state-of-the-art, living and learning facility that will promote the



Sigma Phi Epsilon Balanced Man Ideal. This Residential Learning Community will provide the chapter with sufficient study space and includes an office for the chapter's faculty fellow. Finally, it will be a Chapter house all SigEps, both undergraduate and alumni members, will be proud to call home.



Past Grand President and Order of the Golden Heart recipient John W. Hartman, '61, with the undergraduate delegation at the 2005 Grand Chapter Conclave.

Project Highlights

16,500 square feet

Sleeps 64 brothers

Residential Learning Community

House Director's suite

Faculty Fellow study

Library

Conference Room

To make a contribution to *The Cornerstone Campaign*, please write to:

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